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Kids Flock To Oak Ridge Golf Club For Jr. Program



ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR Oak Ridge Golf Club and The Agawam Advertiser News are co-sponsoring a Jr. Golf Program each Monday through August 10th. In photo left, Dan Cizek, 13 practices with an iron; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Assistant Pro Ed Lockard gives Jaime Campofredano a few pointers. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Face-Painting On The 4th



SANDRA SMITH, activities director at the Agawam Senior Center, paints the face of little Nicole Frazier at the town's Fourth of July Festival at Southworth Paper Company on Main Street. MANY MORE PHOTOS INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Hooks-Up With Springfield...

Agawam Now Member Of 2nd Congressional District

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

From the First Congressional District to the Second District, just like that.

Just days after the July deadline for candidates to declare themselves in-the-running, the State Legislature compromised with Governor William Weld and okayed a statewide Congressional redistricting plan. Agawam has now been moved from the First District to the Second, thereby setting up a completely different look in the fall elections.

Same District As Springfield

The town will fall in the same district as Springfield, which is now being represented by Richard Neal, the former Mayor of that city. Current U.S. Rep. John Olver, who just last year won a special election for that post due to the sudden death of longtime U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, will remain in the First District.

Now, townspeople who vote in the Democratic Primary this fall will vote for either the incumbent, Neal, or challenger Kateri Walsh, a present member of the Springfield City Council. The winner of that primary will then square-off against Republican Anthony Ravosa, another Springfield City Councilor.

To say the least, these above races are expected to be hotly contested. Many observers find the newly-formed, meandering voting districts in the state as perplexing. But like it or not, it's now the law.

While the adopted redistricting plan is unpopular with most legislators, it will remain in effect for the next 10 years. The compromise between the Democratic-controlled Legislature and the Republican Weld came in an effort to prevent the federal courts from deciding the fate of the state's new voting districts.

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Health Bd. Chairman Wants Mayoral Veto On Cut; Council Squabbles Over Snafu

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Feature Writer

them."

Suffritti labeled the action as a personal vendetta. "This is as low as you can go. It was ruthless to do this by playing with people's lives. They must have ice water running through their veins."

Suffritti, who owns the Feeding Hills Public Market on Springfield Street, called the Health Department a "tightly run ship. I know what they do down there. It's too much work for one person to do."

Suffritti added, "We went to two budget hearings with the Mayor and nothing was brought up at that time. We went to the Health Department and there was no problem with it then. The Mayor made provision for all the positions within the department's budget and did not have a problem with it. That would have been the time for the Mayor to bring up anything wrong. He didn't."

Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr. made the motion to carve the \$22,500 from the Health Department budget. He defended the action. "I believe reorganization is on its way before the fiscal year ends. I think we can save a lot of money and streamline government spending. I just see this as a start in the right direction. I basically ran my campaign on saying government should be run more like a business."

Ennis said that in his estimation, the workload in the Health Department did not warrant the line-item funding requested by the Mayor. "I think we can maintain our standard and run efficiently (with the cut)."

Ennis was joined in supporting the amendment by Councilors George Bitzas, Richard Brindle, James Taylor, Jessie D. Fuller, and Edward A. Caba.

Both Bitzas and Brindle said there was not a sufficient workload to warrant full funding of the department. Bitzas stated, "To my observation, there is not enough work for all the people there. We can cut the department without hurting the services. I hope the Mayor doesn't cut any of the nurses. I would like to see things run more efficiently."

Brindle told us, "There is not enough work for people to do in the Health Department. This decision was made two years ago (when the Mayor at-

tempted to eliminate Health Agent Ronald Young from the department)."

When asked why he believed a cut in personnel should be made, Brindle responded, "I think one member is not licensed to do inspections." Brindle identified Cas Tryba, the sanitarian, as being that individual.

Mrs. Willis called Ennis' motion and the subsequent support by the six council members as coming "completely out of the blue. There was no reason regarding the reason for the cut. The full council was not provided with any information. We had two budget workshops and nothing was mentioned."

According to Mrs. Willis, the Mayor's Budget Message indicated there was no need to cut personnel. "He stated all departments would be maintained. I am dismayed at the cavalier way a move was made to remove someone from the payroll to unemployment."

Lack Of Activity

Councilor James D. Taylor said his support of the cut was based on "lack of activity in the department. Although he said he did not review any workload records, he did note, "I've been in the office and I don't believe there is the volume of work to support full funding of the department."

Councilor Jessie D. Fuller echoed Taylor's statement. "We asked the Mayor to make this cut because we feel it is in the best interest of the town. A lot of money is spent there (Health Department) and we would like to see more production."

Councilor Nancy Gravel said she was totally surprised when Ennis made the motion. "I am very concerned about the way the issue just took off. This is no way to do business. We need to discuss this and get some information. At no time was the issue of salary in a line-item raised."

Councilor Louis Russo called the amendment "thoroughly disgusting." He charged political chicanery, labeling the \$22,500 cut as giving credence to the Mayor having his own "private inner circle of councilors who do his bidding."

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Melconian Charges Governor With Holding Local School Dollars Hostage (With Veto)

Reacting to the news of Governor Weld's veto of the \$186 million in educational funds, State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) stated, "Governor Weld is holding hostage local school dollars. Now, more than ever, these schools need this money."

"School budgets were built on the commitment, made by Governor Weld, to provide \$186 million in emergency aid for public education. That commitment was made in January, and it must be upheld."

Melconian continued, "The cities and towns which I represent are expecting this money; without it, there will be a devastating impact on the children of my district. That loss could negatively impact a whole school year in our children's education, and could quite possibly never be replaced."

"It is unfair for our Governor to pull the rug out from underneath our local school committees, and the children, who are ultimately harmed at this late date. Municipal and school budgets were built on the Governor's pledge—good faith budgets which took months to build."

As Assistant Vice Chair of Senate Ways and

Means Committee, Senator Melconian has been working with Senator Birmingham, the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education, to push this \$186 million through the legislative process.

This package has passed both the Senate and the House budgets. Governor Weld vetoed this measure as one of his line item vetoes of the FY93 budget.

Governor Weld said his veto is tied to educational reform, but just this week he has released a new draft of what he wants to see in educational reform.

"This is at least the third draft proposal for educational reform from Governor Weld. How long can the cities and towns be held hostage to indecision from Boston?" asked Melconian.

"I will vote to override the Governor's veto," stated Melconian. "Public education will not be held hostage because a consensus on education reform has not yet been reached."

"Financial support of the public schools to keep them functioning at a basic level is a commitment made which we all must honor," she concluded.

NEW DISTRICT - from Page 1...

With the new federal census, the Commonwealth saw its Congressional delegation reduced from 11 to 10.

Despite the fact she voted for the plan, State Senator Linda J. Melconian told us, "The whole state plan is gerrymandering at its worst (gerrymandering is a political term conceived at the turn of the 18th century to give an unfair political advantage to one political party). I voted for it because I wanted two congressional seats to remain in Western Mass. It would have been very bad for my constituents if all of Western Mass. became one huge Congressional district (which might have been one of the court's alternatives)."

Melconian admitted that legislators were under strong pressure to approve the plan. "I was not happy with Agawam and Northampton being moved, but at least the plan does maintain the integrity of two strong Western Mass. districts. We were under the gun not to go to court," she added.

The federal plan gave legislators a July 10th deadline to agree to a viable plan or it would intercede and make a decision on its own. Melconian further noted, "Some Republicans had a plan that would have put Western Mass. into one district. There were strong indications that the federal court (in Eastern Mass.) would have gone along with this. If the issue had been placed in the Western Mass. federal court, I think it would have been different."

"As legislators, it is our role to determine Congressional redistricting. To abdicate this role to federal court would have not been responsible," Melconian added.

Keep The Courts Out Of It

State Rep. Michael P. Walsh, who also voted for the plan, noted, "I don't like this plan but I didn't want the courts to step in. There was a strong possibility that Western Mass. would lose a seat in Congress if the court took this into its own hands."

Walsh added, "Western Mass. would have been all one district. It is of preeminent importance that our representation remains intact. We need to retain two Congressmen in our area."

Agawam Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita, chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee,

had these thoughts on the redistricting plan: "Agawam was on the end of the First District, now it is closer to the hub of the Second District (Springfield). It will be interesting to see what happens this fall."

"Agawam is new to the Second District and we will probably see more people coming here to campaign. Agawam could now have more influence in the district because we are closer to the hub of the district."

Bonavita maintains that Agawam should have been placed in the same district as West Springfield (since both communities are demographically similar and both are equidistant from Springfield).

"I can't say who has the advantage in this selection since all candidates have name recognition. I think we will see some aggressive campaigning in Agawam," added Bonavita.

No Logic In Decision

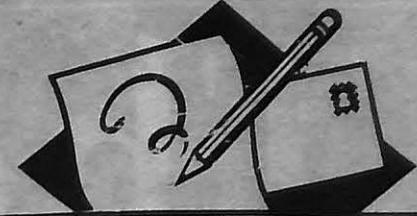
Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, also a Republican, said he saw no logic in the plan. "It was pure politics. The Democrats went in clearly trying to have Congressional advantage. The Republicans went in hoping to weaken Democratic districts. I think this has happened. Congressman Olver was placed at a disadvantage and Congressman Neal has benefitted."

Johnson, who admitted he was "shocked" at the way the issue played itself out, added, "I preferred the First District because we were one of the larger communities within that district and had more clout than we will have in the Second District. However, in day-to-day association with the next Congressman in the Second District, we will be closer to the main district office (Springfield)."

Town Council President Joanne H. Willis said she was surprised at the redistricting plan. "I would rather be part of the First District. Congressman Olver comes to Agawam and takes care of Agawam's needs."

"Obviously, having Agawam placed in the Second District allies our interests with those of Springfield. I believe there will be less federal funding on any of Agawam's projects because all the money will now go to Springfield," she told us.

Douglas Bodman, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, could not be reached for comment.



Letters To The Editor

Young Basketball Player Thanks Town For Support

To The Editor:

I would personally like to thank everyone who supported our Western Mass. AAU Basketball Team. Your generous contributions have made our trip to Yakima, Washington, possible.

We are looking forward to representing the Western part of our state and competing in the National Under 14 Tournament. We appreciate your encouragement and the opportunity to go on this trip.

Thank you,
Chris Bitzas and the
AAU Under 14 Basketball Team

HEALTH DEPT. - from Page 2...

"I've got copies of the annual reports. There has been an increase in the workload in the Health Department and there is no reason for this. This is terrible and very transparent. I hope the Mayor does the right thing and vetoes this."

Johnson denied having any prior knowledge concerning Monday night's action. "There have been rumors flying around about cuts in the budget, but there are always rumors around budget time."

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Agawam Police Dept. Arrests For Week-Ending Sunday, July 19th

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On July 5th, **Robert A. Drum**, 7 Laurel Drive, Granby, CT, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini and Mark Pfau.

On July 5th, **Peter Godbout**, 72 Riverview Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Karen Langevin.

On July 6th, **Dean Wright**, 1159 River Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Mark Ceccarini.

On July 6th, **Steven Stacy**, 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso and Joe Edwards.

On July 7th, **Robert Russell**, 85 Whittier Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Joe Edwards.

On July 7th, **Mark L. Melloni**, 41 Greenoch Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery and shoplifting. Arresting officers were Don Gallerani and Steve Grasso.

On July 8th, **Joseph Depalma**, 19 Colony Lane, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Holyoke Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Don Gallerani.

On July 10th, **Catherine Carrier**, 120 Albert Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Steve Grasso, and Richard Light Jr.

On July 10th, **Kenneth Archambault**, 70 Boyer Road, Stafford Springs, CT, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Edward Connor.

On July 11th, **Jon M. Cullins**, 29 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with

being a disorderly person. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On July 11th, **Angel L. Morales**, 59 Jefferson Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Det. Peter Bertera.

On July 12th, **Victor Rodriguez**, 94 Washburn Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Joe Dymon.

On July 13th, **Joseph Batan**, 27 Grant Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving after suspension. Arresting officer was Joe Dymon.

On July 13th, **Letesia Giordano**, 86 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery with intent to murder, assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, armed assault in a dwelling, and entering a dwelling without breaking. Arresting officers were Sgt. Don Loncto, Edward Connor, and Joe Edwards.

On July 15th, **Flore T. Liquori**, 18 James Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Sgt. Don Loncto.

On July 16th, **Howard White**, 299 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault and violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr. and Steve Grasso.

On July 18th, **Wayne Brown**, T3 Beldon Court, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault and battery. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Mike Gruska.

On July 18th, **James Hollsworth**, 34 Ellison Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Eric Camerlin and Mike Gruska.

On July 19th, **Robert Bruno Jr.**, 18 Riverside Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Pfau.

Town Council Meeting Agenda For Mon., 8/3

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Workshop of 6/29/92
Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 7/6/92
Minutes - Workshop of 7/7/92
Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 7/20/92.
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-41-A Resolution Authorizing the Posting of the Warrant for the State Primary Election of September 15, 1992 and the State and Presidential Election of November 3, 1992 by the Board of Registrars (Mayor).

2. TR-92-43-A Resolution Honoring the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee (Pres. Willis).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

(a)

1. TE-92-9-Election of a member to the A.E.D.I.C. to a term expiring July 1, 1995 (Finance)(Tabled 7/6/92).

2. TE-92-10-Election of a member to the A.E.D.I.C. to a term expiring July 1, 1995 (Real Estate)(Tabled 7/6/92).

9. Public Hearings

None

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-92-14-An Ordinance to amend Chapter 114. Sec. 114-8 entitled "Number of Licenses Restricted" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Coun. Bitzas)(3rd Reading).

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CLASS 2 DEALER LICENSES THROUGH ATTRITION FROM 35 TO 30 (requires 3 readings for adoption).

2. TOR-92-15-An Ordinance to establish Chapter 90 of the Agawam Town Code "Flammable and Combustible Materials" (Pres. Willis)(1st Reading).

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDERLY PROCEDURES FOR LICENSES FOR THE STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS (requires 3 readings for adoption).

3. TO-92-2-Century Auto vs. the Town of Agawam - Discussion (EXECUTIVE SESSION).

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*You were always there to talk to and confide in;
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*Even though you are now in a better place than we,
It is so hard to watch others have fun.*

*Wasn't there something somebody could do;
To save the life of someone so young and innocent?*

*You had so much going for you, such an unbelievable
talent.
You lived for your music and your drums, it was your
dream.*

*Now that you're gone, we must carry on.
But one thing is for sure, you will never be forgotten.*

*Many people have different special memories of you.
Whether it was your great personality or your smile.*

*You always did anything for others.
And put yourself second best.*

*You were very special to all of us.
You are now an angel to continue up above in heaven.*

*Someday, I know we will meet again.
But until then, I'll never forget you.*

**Ellie Mercolino
Feeding Hills**

James Drury, III "JayDee"

*I never thought this day would come.
This day we had to say goodbye.
My heart is broken and I had to cry.*

*I know I'll meet with you again
way up high in heaven.
We were friends for so very long.
It's hard to realize that this day
has come and now you are gone.*

*You helped me out throughout the years
with my heartaches and all my fears.
The day will come when you and I
will reunite as friends once again.
Your loving friendship will never end.*

*When I first met you, you were
placed in my heart. Those feelings
will never depart.*

*Please remember me as I remember you.
Until we meet on high, this is only
temporarily goodbye.*

Love, Pam

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Agawam Obituaries

John B. Montagna

John B. Montagna, 84, of 27 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, a retired machinist at Wico Electronics in West Springfield, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He retired in 1973, and was a member of Local 1730 of the Machinists Union, AFL-CIO.

Born in this town, he moved to West Springfield before returning and settling here in 1955.

He was a member of the Pheasant Hill Social Club and the Agawam Senior Center, and a communicant of St. Ann's Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Carmella T. Filamonte; a son, Richard F. of West Springfield; two grandchildren, James J. Montagna of West Springfield and Roberta A. Morace of Westfield; three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

Raymond G. Freeman

Raymond G. Freeman, 55, of 21 Independence Road, Feeding Hills, a machinist at the former Moore Drop Forge Co. (now Easco), died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was a member of the National Guard.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills for 13 years. He was a member of the Polish-American Club of Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, the former Eva J. Santos; four sons, Raymond W. Freeman of Cerritos, California, Paul H. Freeman of Orlando, Florida, and Mark P. DaSilva and Michael A. DaSilva of Feeding Hills; five daughters, Linda C. Freeman of Southwick, Leslie A. Freeman of Martha's Vineyard, Laura Jean Davies of Pensacola, Florida, and Louise I. Jegeleweiz and Bonnie J. Freeman of Springfield; his mother, Isabelle (Searle) Freeman of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Robert D. of Plymouth and Charles G. of Hamden, Connecticut; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA, 01701-4680.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of KATHLEEN AND ROBERT REED who are appealing the written decision of the Building Inspector concerning the operation of a business (Moosehead Harvesting, Inc.), at the premises identified as 925 SHOEMAKER LANE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: July 23, 1992

Agawam Crime Prevention... Workplace Is No Place For Use Of Drugs

**by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department**

During the past few years, efforts to reduce the amount and demand for drugs in our schools have increased tenfold. It would appear that these efforts have not gone unrewarded, as we have witnessed a decline in the use and sales in and around our schools.

Our success on this front, however, will be of little consequence if we continue to allow drugs to be bought, sold, and abused in our workplaces. Our children are involved in summer employment in some of these places, and work full- or part-time in others.

In addition, people of all ages are being subjected to a working environment made hazardous by the abuse of drugs on the job.

More emphasis will have to be placed on prevention of this kind of problem if we are to continue claiming success in the area of drug abuse. Consider, if you will, the following statistics:

* 65% of people (ages 18-25) entering the full-time workforce for the first time have used illegal drugs;

* 23% of all U.S. workers use dangerous drugs on the job;

* Substance abusers are absent from their jobs 16 times more often than those who do not use drugs, and they account for an aggregate time loss of more than 36 million person days per year;

* About 22 million Americans have used cocaine at least occasionally; three-quarters of those calling the cocaine hotline said they sometimes used cocaine on the job; one-quarter said they used cocaine on the job daily;

* Depending on what factors are included, studies estimate the cost to the business community for drug abuse to be from \$60 to \$150 billion per year;

* One in four drug users sells drugs to co-workers, friends, and neighbors to support a drug habit.

During the mid 1970's, counselors were encountering an increasing number of substance abuse cases while dealing with other employee problems. It was becoming increasingly more apparent that some type of program or programs would have to be started in the workplace if the problem was to be brought under control.

Based on the theory that sustaining well-being was much less expensive than curing illness, businesses and companies started developing prevention programs based on the "wellness concept." Depending on the type of business and the number of employees involved, programs were introduced to meet specific needs.

In the future, we will explore some of these programs, their structure, and how some state and federal guidelines affect their application.

Council President Willis Slates Office Hours

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold her monthly office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, at 57 Wright Street, on Friday, July 24th, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Willis will be available to listen to constituent concerns. All residents are invited to attend.

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Home Fires... Two Ways Out

The primary problem surrounding this high home fire death rate is the belief by individuals that they won't have an accidental fire. So they aren't prepared when a fire occurs, and react improperly when a fire does occur.

Family members should plan ahead—their actions—in the event their homes are stricken by a fire.

Fire! In your home? No, you think. But, what if you did?

Would you and your family know what to do? Would they react safely? In 1987, the year for which the most current fire statistics are available, 4,660 deaths occurred in residences in the United States.

- Install and maintain smoke detectors: at least one on each level and one outside each bedroom area.

- Every occupant should know two ways out of each bedroom: a primary exit (usually the door) and a secondary exit (the window), should the doorway be blocked.

- For primary exit escapes, make sure everyone knows to crawl out on their hands and knees below the smoke. Placing a cloth over their nose

and mouth may also reduce smoke inhalation.

- Some family members may need assistance escaping, such as infants, small children, and the elderly. Assign "helpers" in advance so that, in the event of a fire, everyone will know what is expected of them.

- For second- and third-story window escapes, install folding chain escape ladders. They may be stored in a box by the window for quick access.

- Determine an outside meeting place. Make sure everyone is familiar with its designation.

- Most important: Practice the plan! Not only during the day, but also at night. Time the evacuation and evaluate your home fire escape plan. Don't wait until a fire occurs to find out that a window is stuck shut.

- Make sure everyone knows not to attempt to extinguish the fire or grab valuables.

- Once all family members are outside at the designated meeting place, if possible, an adult should go to a neighbor's house to telephone the fire department. Memorize your fire department's emergency telephone number (911). Have it posted on your phones and the neighbor's phones.

Feeding Hills Post Office Slates Open House On Tuesday, July 28th; Public Welcome

Mary Ellen Holden, Acting Postmaster of Feeding Hills, would like to invite the residents and all local businesses of Feeding Hills to an open house.

It will be held on Tuesday, July 28th, at the Feeding Hills Post Office, 1339 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Judy Balsom, from the Postal Service Marketing and Communications Depart-

ment, will be present to answer questions concerning off-site postal retailing.

Mark Salina, Account Representative, will be available to assist customers and provide information regarding proper address format, postal discounts, and postal products and services.

Refreshments will be served. See you there!

Caplin Criticizes State Legislature For Unemployment Tax

William A. Caplin, Republican candidate for State Senate in the First Hampden District, has criticized the Democratically controlled legislature for passing a bill that increases the average amount an employer pays per employee for unemployment insurance by as much as 60% (according to the Department of Employment and Training) when, prior to passage, the legislature insisted it would only be a 30% increase.

Caplin insists that nowhere except in the legislature could you get away with quoting one price for a product or service and, at the time of payment, claim an error and double the price to the customer.

"I support services for those laid off from work, but I am infuriated with the cavalier attitude of the legislature," said the candidate. "If local businesses have to pay more for unemployment insurance, they won't be able to create new jobs and hire people back."

"Last month, we saw a slight improvement in the unemployment picture in Massachusetts; it would be a terrible blow to economic recovery to put another burden on our business community," added Caplin, who owns his own business and understands first-hand how too many government fees and assessments can force a company to reduce its business or move out of the area.

In conclusion, he stated, "I believe the legislature should give businesses in the Commonwealth incentives to expand, not excuses to move out."

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Families

Ag. Congregational Has New Class

The Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam, invites you to attend their morning playgroups. Join them starting in September on Wednesday or Thursday mornings, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., where they share snacks, do a weekly craft, and end their morning with "Sing n' Dance Along Time."

These programs provide a wonderful opportunity not only for your children to have fun and sharpen their socialization skills, but for parents and caregivers to develop their own parenting skills, form new friendships, and is also an important network of support.

Parents of children newborn to four years of age are encouraged to attend. This is a free program provided by the Family Outreach services; however, donations for supplies are welcome.

A second playgroup, the Co-operative Playgroup, is another program which has been developed with your three or four year-old child in mind.

A more structured environment providing stories, song, crafts, and fun times (usually seasonally related), is provided on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., or Tuesday afternoons, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Enrollment for the Co-operative Playgroup is limited!

For information regarding either of these programs, please call 786-1430.

Adoration Society To Meet August 7th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will gather in St. Theresa's Church, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7th, with Mass and Adoration.

Father Albert E. Breton will open the event with Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed, closing with Benediction at 9:00 p.m.

As in past years, we invite all men and women (18 years of age and older) to become members of this exclusive group in the entire archdiocese.

We know of no other active group in the National Society, and it is officially affiliated with the Archconfraternity for the Nocturnal Adoration that was established in Rome in 1810.

All are welcome to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic prayer. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center.

Ag. Congregational Lists Weekly Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that its summer schedule will continue through September 6th, with Worship Service scheduled at 9:30 a.m.

The church's Wednesday Night Service continues on a weekly basis at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. (Relax, Examine, Listen, Ask, Tell, and Entrust) series following at 8:00 p.m.

This Sunday, July 26th, the Agawam Congregational Church will be holding its New Member Class, starting at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the church may attend.

For more information about the church, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Balboni Twins Return From Italian Trip

The Balboni twins, Marc and Monica, recently returned from a trip to Italy with their sister, Andrea. They are the grandchildren of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of Agawam.

Marc and Monica are juniors at Suffield Academy and West Springfield High School, respectively. Andrea is a member of the freshman class at Mount Holyoke College.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Balboni, accompanied them on their vacation abroad.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Gather July 28th

The Agawam Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, July 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station Community Room.

For more information, call 789-4117 or 568-1679.

UNICO Planning Annual Chicken BBQ



AGAWAM UNICO will be sponsoring its Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 2nd, at the Polish American Club Pavilion, with continuous serving from noontime to 5:00 p.m. UNICO members (above) who are part of the planning committee include, from left - Edward Disco, Frank Chriscola, Jr., Charles R. Calabrese, and Thomas H. Coppola. SEE UNICO'S display advertisement on Page 11. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Laughing Brook Invites Agawam Residents To Explore Rivers In Western Mass.

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, MA, is offering naturalist-led explorations of the following western Massachusetts rivers this summer. Canoes and all equipment are provided.

Participants must be able to swim and be 12 years or older. Fees for each trip are \$16 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$20 for non-members.

Directions and an information sheet are sent after registration. Pre-registration is required at least three days in advance, and space is limited.

* Canoeing the Ware River: Saturday, August 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Originating east of Quabbin Reservoir in Barre, the Ware River passes through wetlands and

forests before joining forces in Three Rivers to become the Chicopee River. Along the way, it provides habitat for herons and kingfishers, frogs and turtles, and a host of plants adapted to aquatic environments.

* Canoeing the Connecticut: Sunday, August 30th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a leisurely paddle along one of the prettiest stretches of the Connecticut River—Montague to Sunderland. Lined with ostrich fern and fast-growing cottonwoods, the river is haven for cormorants, herons and muskrats.

For more information on these programs or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call (413) 566-8034.

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Ag. Public Library's Upcoming Activities

TAE KWON DO DEMONSTRATION

If you missed last month's Tae Kwon Do program, write down Monday, August 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Shugart and the Mighty Mites from Hwang's School of Tae Kwon Do will perform a live demonstration of their skills.

This program is open to the public and suitable for all ages from four and up. Call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

NEW GAMES WITH NO LOSERS

Summer Reading and Read-to-me Club Members are welcome to share in games where everybody wins on Tuesday, August 4th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come meet the "Games Man" Trevor Woofenden, who will lead all the fun outdoors on the library's hill (or in the Community Room if it rains).

Trevor is a trained and certified New Games Leader and Cooperative Play specialist who recently won the Advocate's "Best in the Valley" award as "Best Children's Entertainer." Suitable for ages three to adult. Call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

RIVERSIDE CARS AND DRIVERS AT LIBRARY

Back by popular demand, winning Speedway driver Jerry Marquis and his race car—along with many other Speedway cars and personalities—will be at the Agawam Public Library for you to see in person on Wednesday, August 5th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

You might even get to sit in the driver's seat yourself, so bring your camera and your family along for the fun! For kids aged two to senior citizens.

Summer Festival At Immaculate Church Planned In West Side

In celebration of the 115th birthday of Immaculate Conception Parish on Main Street, West Springfield, the annual Summer International Festival and Dinner Dance will honor all alumni of the Immaculate Conception School and/or church. Many townspeople and those who have moved elsewhere, attended the school and also were members of the parish.

Mrs. Margaret Baker, co-ordinator of the summer event, and Father Timothy Hallahan, Pastor, and the committee members are attempting to contact all of the alumni to urge them to attend and be reacquainted with friends and family members of their school days. All are welcome.

Alumni are encouraged to bring pictures, displayed on poster board if possible, for all to view and enjoy. Mrs. Rita Hannigan, chairman of decorations, will attempt to use the memorabilia in the school hall during the dinner dance for all to reminisce.

The weekend celebration will begin with the parade, which grows bigger each year, on Friday evening, July 31st, followed by a Parish Bingo in the school hall at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday evening (August 1st) at 5:30 p.m., the festivities will begin with entertainment and special drawings.

Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m., and dancing will follow. The yearly Festival Raffle, under the direction of Richard and Catherine Patruski, will be held at 11:00 p.m.

Reservations may be made by purchasing tickets at the J & T Shop on Main Street, or at any Mass prior to the event. Michael Nigro is dinner chairman.

Food from local restaurants with an international flavor will again be offered this year. In 1991, the dinner presented an extended variety of foods which gave a "choice" for all.

Guests invited by Gertrude Davignon, chairman, will be former pastors and members of the Sisters of St. Joseph who were alumni or taught at the school.

On Sunday, August 2nd, Father Hallahan will celebrate the Mass of thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour in the Parish Center.

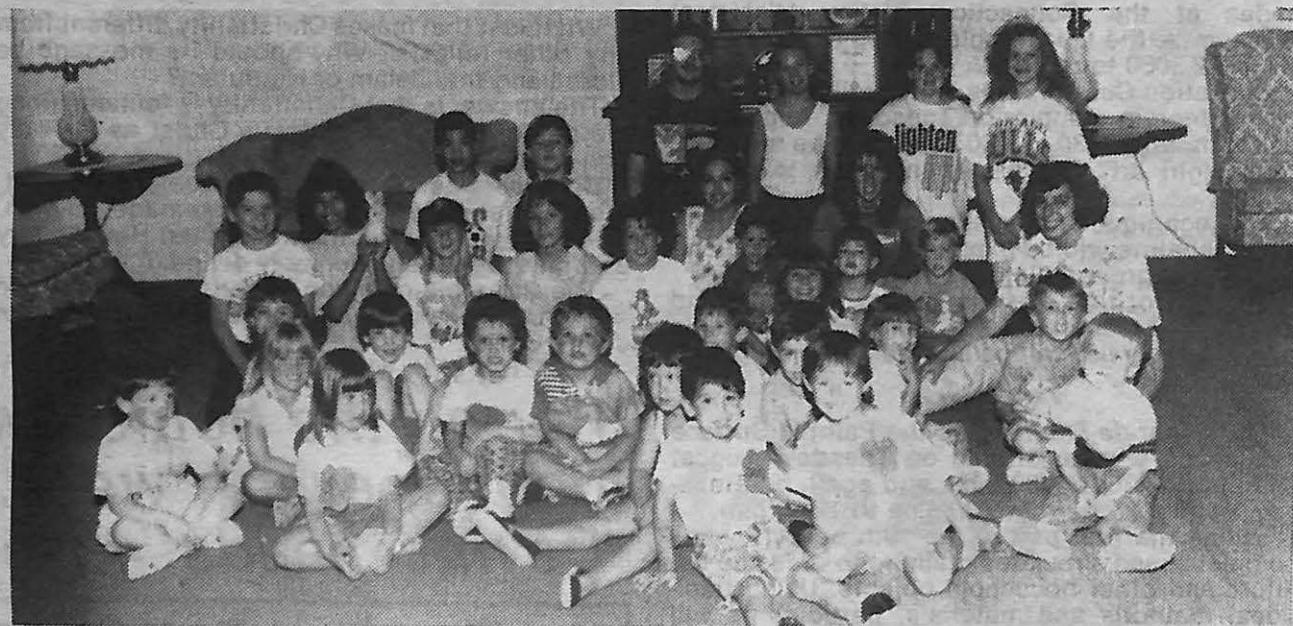
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Ag. Congregational Holds Bible School



AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held its Annual Vacation Bible School earlier this month. From left - Lucy Young, Jenna Makuck, Nicole Breivogel, Ryan Sullivan, Adam Tapply, Lacey McKinnon, and Pat Decoteau, Vacation Bible School coordinator.

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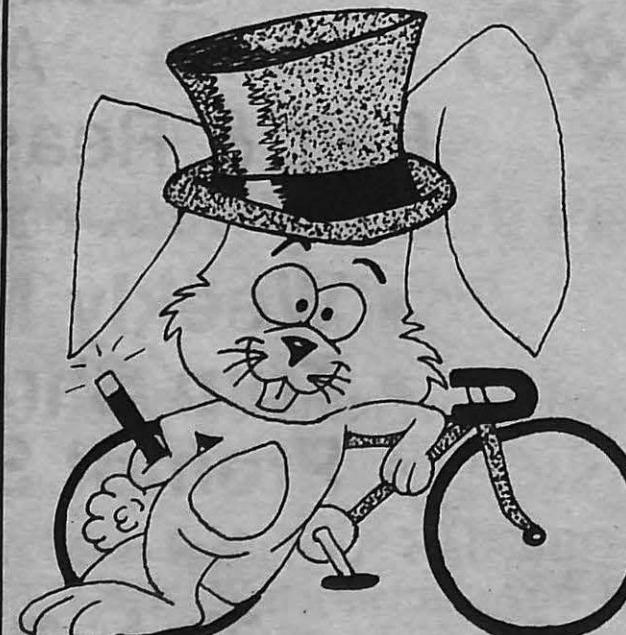
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Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 27th: Strip steak, potatoes au-gratin, peppers & onions, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, July 28th: Meatball Stroganoff, egg noodles, carrot coins, Canadian oat bread, blueberry muffin.

Wednesday, July 29th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, prunes.

Thursday, July 30th: Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, summer squash, pumpernickel bread, vanilla pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, July 31st: Baked fish, wild rice, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Craft Courses Offered At Historic Museum

Registration is underway for two courses being offered this summer as part of a "craft sampler" series at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum at the Quadrangle. Call the museum at (413) 732-3080 to register.

Education Curator Alice Smith will teach a two-class theorem sampler on Tuesdays, August 4th and 11th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Join the revival of "schoolgirl art" popular in the early to middle 1800's.

The technique of stenciling on cotton velveteen with oil paints will be explored and taught, along with a background history of this delightful art.

The fee for this class is \$20 for members and \$24 for non-members (plus a nominal materials fee). A supply list will be available upon registration.

Two separate Graining on the Painted Surface workshops will be offered on Tuesday, August 18th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and again on Thursday, August 20th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

During the first part of the 19th century, early colonists used simulated graining to dress up furniture and other household objects. Using traditional methods and materials, participants will create vinegar graining on a set of small boxes to make tiger maple and rosewood mahogany to simulate the genuine surface.

The fee is \$24 for members and \$28 for non-members (plus a nominal materials fee) for the Graining class.

The education center of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is located in the Elijah Blake House at the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets.

Free parking for this and all Springfield Library and Museums' activities is located in the lots on State Street and on Edwards Street.

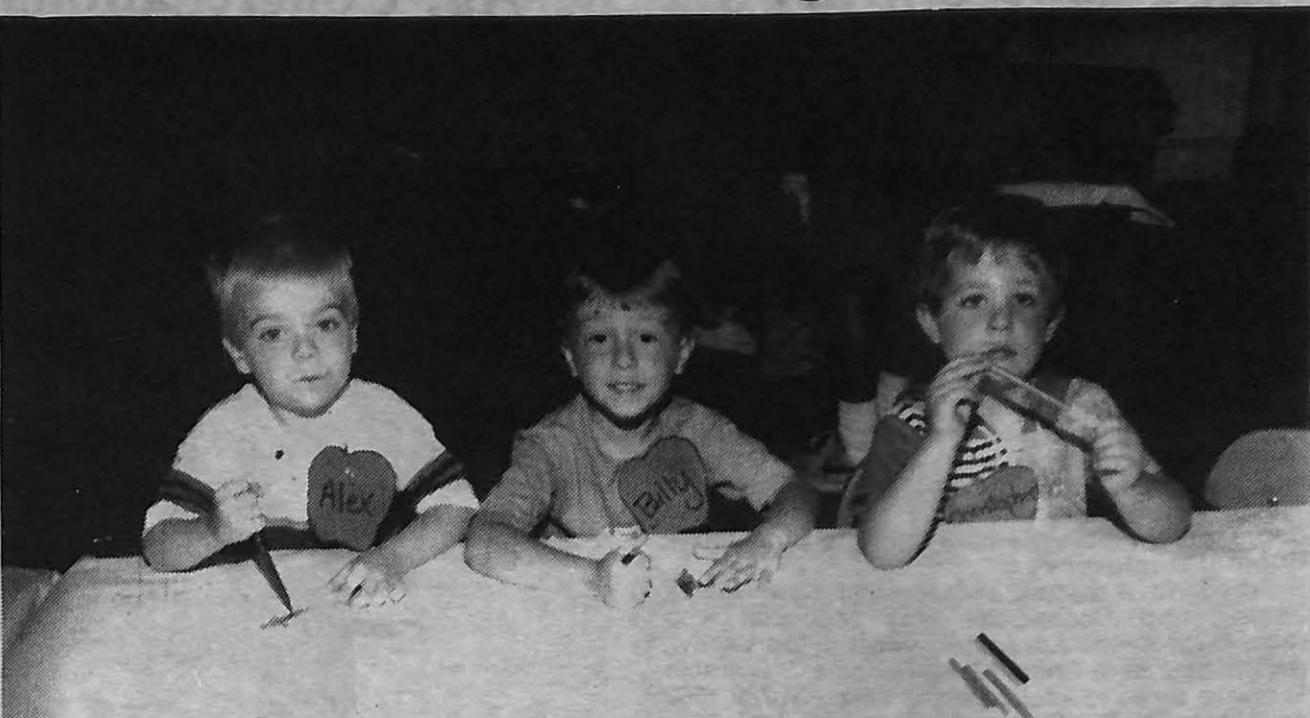
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Vacation Bible School At Ag. Congregational



ALEX TUOHEY, BILLY MATTE, and CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS attended Vacation Bible School recently held at the Agawam Congregational Church. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Speaking From The Bible... “Who Is This Jesus?”

by David Lanquist, Pastor
Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Ln., Agawam

What is it that makes Christianity different from any other religion? Why should its message be more valid than Islam or Hinduism?

The answer is that Christianity is founded upon the person and work of Jesus Christ as the only Son of the living, true God.

If Jesus was simply another zealous prophet, then Christianity is another man-made religion. But if He was God in the flesh, then His ministry and message are undeniably divine.

The threefold common experiences of all men—birth, life, and death—reveal the divinity of Jesus Christ.

First, His birth was supernatural. He was con-

ceived through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit. He was born of a virgin.

Second, His life was marked by the miraculous. He raised dead men, healed the blind and the leprosy, cast out demons, walked on water, calmed the seas, and fed the masses. They all testified to His eternal, preeminent origin.

Third, He was resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven. Christ has no grave marker. He lives forever, having conquered death.

The birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ all unquestionably witness that He alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

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ELLEN J. MARTIN & PAUL B. FERRARO

Marla Bonfitto To Wed Mr. Mailman Of Swk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bonfitto of Feeding Hills announce the engagement and impending nuptials of their daughter, Marla, to Kurt Mailman of Southwick, son of Mrs. John Mailman of Palmer and Mrs. Patricia Odiorne of Southwick.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday evening, September 26th, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Church in Agawam.

Miss Bonfitto has chosen Mrs. Judith Zarella of Westford, MA, to be her matron of honor. Mr. Karl Mailman of Southwick, brother of the prospective groom, will serve as best man.

A graduate of Agawam High School and Kay Harvey Hair Design Academy, Miss Bonfitto is currently employed at Sharon's Hair Care in West Springfield. She also works full-time in the child care field.

Mr. Mailman, a graduate of Southwick High School and the recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is currently employed with Fuss & O'Neill Consulting Engineers in Manchester, CT.

Ellen J. Martin To Wed Paul Ferraro

Ellen Jeanne Martin, of 122 Warner Avenue, Fitchburg, MA, will be united in marriage to Paul Bryan Ferraro, of 49 Duclos Drive, Feeding Hills, during a ceremony to be held on August 22nd, 1992.

A member of the class of 1985 at Fitchburg High School, the bride-to-be graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1989 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. She is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in electrical engineering at UMass.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School, as well as a 1989 graduate of UMass (with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering). He received a master of science degree in electrical engineering in 1992, and is currently employed as a radar systems engineer in the Advanced Engineering and Technology Division at Lockheed Sanders.



PAULA ZOEZLE & RUSSELL R. MORGAN, JR.

Paula Zoezle Weds Russell R. Morgan, Jr.

Family and friends gathered for a marriage celebration on July 5th, 1992, at the picnic grove of the V.F.W. Post 1632, South Street, Agawam, to honor the bride, Paula Zoezle, and groom, Russell R. Morgan Jr.

Vows were exchanged on July 4th, 1992, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The couple flew home for the celebration.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Zoezle Jr. of Overbrook, Pennsylvania. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Morgan Sr. of Agawam.

The bride is a graduate of West Virginia University and is now employed by the Phoenix Title Company in Fort Lauderdale.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of Agawam High School and is a sales representative for Duncan Edward Co. in Fort Lauderdale.

The couple were continuing their honeymoon to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for another celebration on July 11th, 1992, at the home of the bride's sister.

The Chicken Is Here!

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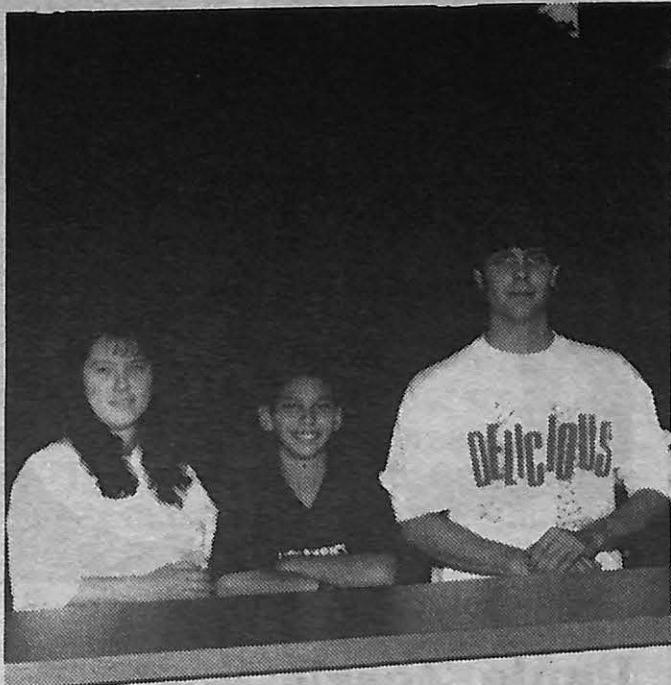
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Agawam's Fourth Of July Festival



THE AGAWAM FRIENDLY'S was selling ice cream treats at the town's Fourth of July Festival. From left - Debbie Byrnes (store manager), Bobby Barnard, and Jerry Chagnon. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dowds Celebrate Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dowd (Lorraine Scoville) of 62 Clyde Avenue, West Springfield, are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Shawn Clifford.

He was born July 15th at the new Women's and Infant's hospital at Baystate Medical Center. He weighed eight pounds, one ounce, and measured 22½ inches long. He was welcomed home by his big brother Ryan, who is two.

Maternal grandparents are Clarice Scoville of Feeding Hills, and Clifford Scoville of West Springfield. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Charles Farrin of Portland, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Leila Ellefsen of East Longmeadow, and Arthur Dowd of Guild Hall, Vermont. Paternal great-grandmother is Gertrude West of Hampden.

All the local news with us, each week

**Guess Who's
‘55’?**

We All Love You ...
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**Happy
Birthday!**



LOCAL OFFICIALS arrived at the Southworth Paper Company, site of Agawam's Fourth of July Festival, via antique cars. From left - State Senator Linda Melconian, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Town Councilor Jessie Fuller, State Rep. Michael Walsh, Town Councilor Louis Russo, and U.S. Rep. John Olver. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THEIR WATERMELON at the town's Fourth of July Festival are Esther Janulewicz and Flo Lozza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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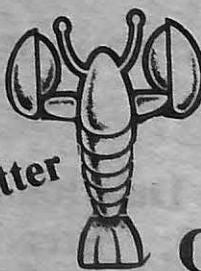
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POSING NEAR THE DUNKING BOOTH at the town's Fourth of July Festival are Susan Shaw, Michael Pietroniro (who received support from the proceeds), and Donna Kerley.

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Woronoco Savings Extends Special Offer

Westfield: Woronoco Savings Bank has extended an offer of a checking account free of monthly service charges for those individuals who are currently unemployed.

As a part of Woronoco's community outreach, Barbara H. Braem, Assistant Vice President in charge of community relations, outlined the Bank's concern for unemployed individuals in the community.

Braem said, "Working with Westfield State College officials on the recent six-part series of Workshops for Job Seekers, was a rewarding experience. It made me realize that an offer of assistance at a time when individuals are out of work is sincerely appreciated and it's up to all those in the community who can help in some way, to do so."

Woronoco Savings Bank invites individuals who may qualify for the free checking program to present their unemployment I.D. card at any Woronoco Savings Bank Office during July and August, and sign a service charge waiver form, which will initially be in effect for six months.



U.S. REP. JOHN OLVER (back) is pictured with some of his Agawam constituents at the town's Fourth Of July Festival. From left - Ed Waterman, Betty Geoffrion, Dot Waterman, Bill Bishop, and Alice Bishop. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



What's Important?

Woronoco Savings Bank's mission is to maintain our financial integrity so that we can serve our customers well. To do so, we must know the mind of the community and recognize what's important to the people who live and work here.

Because the concept of a community rises out of common interest, the search for community begins with a sorting of priorities—a very personal determination of "what's important?" In response to this question, Woronoco received surprising answers that we will be sharing with you in the future. We hope you find value in them, and that the community benefits from a common interest in this series.

Woronoco is calling these statements of belief the "Winners" series, in recognition of the courage it takes to share very personal thoughts with others, and because we believe Winners know what's important.

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AMONG THE VENDORS at the town's Fourth of July Festival were Brenda Racette (far left) and Ron Hebert (far right). They are serving slush puppy to Brittany Theriaque. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JANE DENNIS of Feeding Hills (standing), chairwoman of the Fourth of July Festival, is pictured with artisan Mona Sousa, owner of Noon's Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



YOUNGSTERS SITTING ON TOP OF a hay wagon at the town's Fourth of July Festival include Michael Syniec, Meghan Ennis, Brad Theriaque, and Brendan Ennis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PARTNERS RESTAURANT of Feeding Hills set-up a hamburg and hotdog booth at the town's Fourth of July Festival. From left - Sue Campanini, Donna Byrne, and owner and operator Mark Tansey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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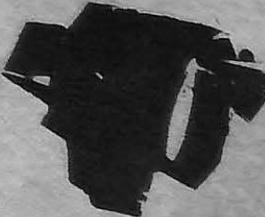


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Spotlight On Business

Wrestlers/EB's Assist Pietroniro Fund



EB'S SPECIALTY CHICKEN RESTAURANT on Walnut Street Extension held a fundraiser for the Michael Pietroniro Fund last Friday. Special guests were the Bushwhackers, stars of the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). IN TOP PHOTO, the Bushwhackers are pictured with owners Edward G. Borgatti, Sr. and Edward G. Borgatti, Jr. (holding Michael Pietroniro), and State Senator Linda J. Melconian. IN PHOTO BELOW, the two wrestlers have signed autographs for youngsters Eric Morisset, Mike Hastings, and Lindsay Morisset.

RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



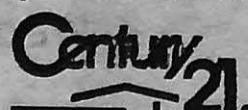
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GOAL SETTING

As always, my thanks to all the readers of this newspaper for the many positive comments which I receive about this column ... your kind words are very much appreciated, and I enjoy sharing my knowledge with you ... after all, that's one of the most important aspects of life, PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE!

This week, I thought I'd turn my attention toward sharing my thoughts on how I accomplish (and attempt to accomplish) my goals in life ... regardless if they pertain to my family, my personal finances, my health, my retirement, etc.

It's a very simple process which I've been using for almost 20 years (it's turned into a habit) ... and I strongly urge you to give it a try on anything/everything. This easy strategy can change your life ... and it's used by many people looking to achieve success in their personal lives and their careers.

IDENTIFY AND WRITE DOWN YOUR SPECIFIC GOAL

Many people go through life without achieving true success because they fail to identify their specific goals. You should ask yourself these key questions: "What makes me happy?" ... "What do I need?" ... "What do I want?"

The answers must be clean and precise, nothing general or vague. Once you've identified your specific goal, write it down **on paper** ... carry that paper everywhere and read it over and over.

Post a copy of your goal on the refrigerator ... on your desk at work ... on the dashboard of your car ... everywhere. Be sure your mind is focused on your goal.

SET UP YOUR SPECIFIC PLAN

Traditionally, most people always have goals and make a good attempt at achieving them (I am going to save money ... lose weight ... stop smoking), but this is where they lose it.

I urge you to make a list of everything that comes into your head—no matter how crazy it may sound—on how you could accomplish your goal.

Some thoughts for this category include: asking your friends for their ideas; go to the library for research; analyze others' success; being creative (spend 15 minutes a day for a week thinking creatively ... take an idea and turn it over in your mind, looking at it from every possible angle, until you see it as you never have before).

Once your list is complete (think of at least 20 things), number each idea on how effective and efficient you anticipate it to be. This should identify the three to five best ways on how you should go about accomplishing your goal.

Note: The easiest way is not always the best way, so be sure to visualize the positive effects of the outcome of your goal.

SEE RAY ROSE -
continued on Page 16...

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RAY ROSE - from Page 15...

SET UP A TIMETABLE

I've always found that working with deadlines is a great way of challenging yourself to achieve success. Using your plan from step 2, determine a reasonable date in the future in which you fully anticipate that you will have accomplished your goal.

Then, set up numerous check dates along the way in which you should have obtained a reasonable level of success. Be sure to check your progress daily and make adjustments as needed. Budgeting your time daily to achieve your incremental goals is critical.

IMPLEMENT YOUR PLAN

Put your plan into effect by implementing the many specific ideas you found in steps two and three. Make sure you are focusing your attention on attaining your goal (the key word is focusing).

A positive attitude—along with enthusiasm, self-discipline, and the ability to mentally visualize your success—will help keep you on track.

Actions that help you reach your goal should take priority over everything else. Also, whenever possible, "go the extra mile." Elbert Hubbard wrote, "Folks who never do any more than they get paid for never get paid for any more than they do."

Get the point?

ANALYZE YOUR RESULTS AND ADJUST

At the end of your day/week, analyze how well you did ... what specific things did you do right ... and how can you capitalize on these areas for additional success towards accomplishing your goal.

Write them down and keep them in front of you at all times for positive motivation. Also, learn from where you had some setbacks ... it builds strength and wisdom. If you learn from these areas and refuse to give up, every defeat is another step toward success.

RECAP

When you think about it, both good and bad habits are formed the same way ... through repetition. Understanding and mastering these simple principles gives you the power to change any negative habit or form any positive one.

Repeat suggestions, affirmations, or commands to yourself until they have become "part of you." You can form the habit of success by simply practicing these guidelines regularly!

BITS & PIECES

Start saving when a child is born in order to have enough for his/her education. The key is regular savings through stable, income-producing investments such as bond funds and high-dividend stocks. It's important to understand that saving for college alone is no longer enough. More and more parents are now opting to enroll their children in private schools in lower grades ... plan ahead!



JOSPEH A. BONFITTO

Joseph A. Bonfitto Sworn In As Lawyer

Joseph A. Bonfitto, Esquire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bonfitto of Feeding Hills, was sworn in as an attorney to the Massachusetts Bar on June 18th, 1992.

The event took place in the House of Representatives Chamber at the State House in Boston.

Mr. Bonfitto attained his Juris Doctor in Law at Western New England Law School. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Western New England College.

Geoffrey's In A Tight Squeeze



THE FAMOUS BUSHWHACKERS, members of the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), participated in a fundraiser to benefit the Michael Pietroniro Fund at EB's Specialty Chicken Restaurant on Friday, July 17th. The Bushwhackers—also known as Luke and Butch—are pictured with Geoffrey Cartello, one of the many youngsters who stopped by to see the popular wrestlers. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Defaulters on student loans face a new danger ... their defaults are now being reported by the Department of Education to the leading credit reporting services—TRW, Equifax, and Trans Union. The object is to damage the credit ratings of the defaulters to give them an incentive to pay.

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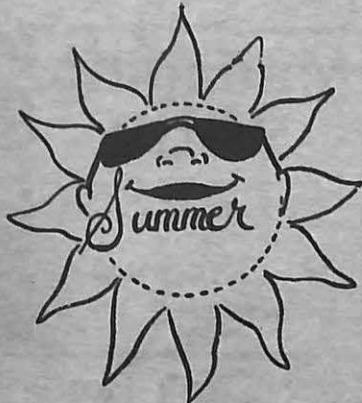
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For Your Health

Baystate Health Set To Open New Facility

Baystate Health Systems will open a new primary care physicians' office at 46 Daggett Drive in West Springfield (in the Riverdale Mall) on Monday, July 27th.

West Side Medical Associates will provide two full-time primary care physicians who will be readily accessible to patients.

"Primary care provides a one-on-one relationship between doctor and patient. Except in an emergency, the primary care physician is the first person you would see about a physical problem," said Dr. Loring Flint, Baystate Health Systems Vice President for Ambulatory Care, Longterm Care and Mental Health Services.

"West Side Medical Associates is staffed by internists, which means it is strictly an adult care office rather than a family practice," Flint said.

West Side Medical Associates is staffed by Drs. Glenn F. Alli and Andrew S. Wetstone, both of whom have completed residencies at Baystate Medical Center, which is the Western Campus of the Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dr. Alli is a graduate of the Rutgers Medical School, and he holds an appointment to the Tufts University School of Medicine as a Clinical Fellow in Medicine.

Dr. Wetstone is a graduate of Tulane University, where he earned both the bachelor and doctor of medicine degrees. He also holds an appointment as a Clinical Fellow on the Tufts Medical Faculty.

"The practice of general medicine is very important," said Dr. Alli. "Many doctors specialize and there are not enough doing general medicine. People need these services in this area."

"This is an area where people are very interested in—and want—a primary care office. They are currently very under served," Dr. Wetstone said.

They both noted that in their practice of general internal medicine, they will place an emphasis on preventive medicine.

According to studies done by Baystate Medical Systems, the current availability of adult primary care doctors in many of the towns outside of Springfield is less than a third of the national average.

Hypnosis In Medicine At Ag. Pub. Library

A program entitled "Hypnosis For Medical Purposes" will be held at the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, July 30th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by Claire M. Tattro of the New England Ethical Hypnosis Institute of West Springfield.

The use of hypnosis in childbirth, overeating, dentistry, panic and anxiety, smoking cessation, cancer, and AIDS will be explained. The program will also include a demonstration and audience participation.

Participants will learn that hypnosis is a very relaxed state of mind, and that the person is never "out of it" or unconscious. Suggestions are given to the subconscious-mind and then are followed.

The program is free and open to the public. To register, please call the library at 789-1550 or sign up when you come to the library at the circulation desk.

Creating Self-Esteem To Begin August 3rd

Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield, announces that the seminar "Creating High Self-Esteem And Personal Success" will be taking place on Monday, August 3rd, as well as on Thursday, August 6th. (Both sessions run from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

Cost is set at \$10 per person. Participants need to pre-register by calling 785-1259. The seminar will greatly help each person feel more confident, motivated, and able to deal with problems that lie ahead in their work as well as personal life.

Dr. Sobel will also help participants develop a "get up and go" attitude that truly successful people demonstrate every day.

Sobel's new book, "The Good Times" handbook, has received a great deal of attention locally and nationally and will be available to those attending.

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Managing YOUR STRESS

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"Look Both Ways Before Crossing The Street!"

DEAR DR. SOBEL: I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I recently heard you speak on WNNZ radio and I learned a great deal.

I totally agree with you that many times, we do not take enough responsibility for outcomes we get in life, and then many start to blame and complain about their lot in life. I find that when you make your own decisions, that life is better ... as I feel more in control even if things do not work out perfectly!

Thanks for all your encouragement and support! I hope I get to hear you speak soon, and I've really found your new book to be "just what the doctor ordered."

B.L., Agawam Reader

COMMENT: In life, you will find that many times you can make a wiser decision if you take the time to weigh all the alternatives that are available.

Many people close themselves in with what I call "blind vision"—meaning that they feel so hurried to make a decision that they only feel there is ONE way to go!

I urge folks to not procrastinate, but to look at all the alternatives and do not pressure yourself or be unduly swayed by the rampant opinions of others! Remember that you CAN LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE "STREET"!

Live your life on your terms, and you will indeed feel more in control and feel less stress and pressure. Thanks for the kind letter as well.

* **STRESS CHECK**—Important information for AAN readers:

DR. SOBEL'S NEW BOOK, "The Good Times Handbook—Your Guide To Positive Living And An Exciting Life," is selling at Johnson's Bookstore in Springfield, and the Village Bookstore in Westfield.

You can also order the book directly from Dr. Sobel, and he will PERSONALLY autograph it upon request.

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* **UPCOMING SEMINARS:** "Creating High Self-Esteem And Personal Success" - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 785-1259 to reserve your space, as this exciting seminar teaches you the methods to get what you want out of your life at work as well as in your personal life. Hundreds have been inspired to "go for it" after attending this motivational program. Seating is limited.

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One group is designed for grieving family members and friends. It is held each fourth Monday of the month, this month being July 27th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Different support groups designed especially and solely for those who have lost a spouse are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, this

month being July 28th. There is an afternoon group and an evening group.

The afternoon group is held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam. The evening group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, lower church hall, 123 William Street, Springfield.

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Arts

This Week At The Movies...

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—A Stranger Among Us

Just when the summer was beginning to feel like a washout, along comes Sidney Lumet to prove that yes, there is intelligent life in movieland.

With *A Stranger Among Us*, Lumet draws the viewer instantaneously into the life of an NYPD cop, Emily (Melanie Griffith), and the Hassidic culture in which an unlikely crime has been committed.

Lumet weaves this screenplay into a web of visual images, ethnic scoring, and intrigue, lending credence to the concept that a good crime story need not be saturated with blood. A drop or two will do nicely, thank you very much. The real horror, the unrest, the uncertainty, builds slowly in the mind of the viewer.

Emily is a hotshot cop whose luck wears thin when she fails to call for back-up on a bust, and her partner is critically injured.

Opting to work it off rather than take time off, she lands a missing person case—a young man of the Hassidic culture, whose unexplained absence coincides with the loss of three blue pouches of gems.

His community is convinced that the matter is foul play, since their culture and heritage virtually always preclude such acts of crime. The elders are right, a fact attested to when the man's body is found tucked up behind bloodtinged ceiling tiles.

Emily is filtered into the Hassidic community, with the intent of finding out who within that close-knit community could have done the deed.

Thus she meets Ariel (Eric Thal), a brilliant young scholar being groomed to lead his sect and pledged to marry a young French woman he's never met.

The magic between Griffith and Thal casts its spell early on, and a bittersweet romance (one that is never allowed to flourish) leads to a poignant but gratifying conclusion.

I've always had a problem with the tone, the frothy/airy quality of Griffith's voice, even in her best film, *Working Girl*; but here her character, her script, and Lumet's illuminating direction leave no thought to her often irritating voice.

Lumet brings his audience into the Hassidic home, its synagogues, its ceremonies, its working life, into the heart of its families, wreaking gentle changes with simple acts of kindness.

SEE AT THE MOVIES - Page 20...



ELLEN BARKIN and JACK NICHOLSON star in "Man Trouble."

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Town Historian

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This common field was used at first for pasture somewhat in the European fashion. Farmers on Main and other nearby streets drove their cows into the meadow in the morning, and at night took them back down the street to the various barns.

Gradually, this practice was given over in favor of small pastures near the home buildings, and the meadow was used for growing hay.

No land in town responded so quickly to a coating of lime and fertilizer and, although some lots were never plowed and reseeded to cultivated grass, they always grew a good crop.

The fertility of this section was due to the flood waters which came each spring and receded, leaving a coating of silt or soil which it had carried down from the hills above. This silt acted as fertilizer and the more of it there was, the larger the hay crop.

Sometimes the water would cover the meadows during the summer. Then the crops would be covered with a coating of mud which made hay or corn useless as cattle feed. These summer floods usually did not occur very often, perhaps once in 10 or 12 years. After one of these summer floods, the next crop was apt to be better than usual.

THE MOVIES - from Page 19...

The camera work captures moods and feelings, juxtaposing the fluorescent glare and irreverent language of a police precinct with the modest grace and reverence of a faith older than time.

Griffith is (in a word) great, and Thal, in his film debut, delivers a winning performance.

To say more would ruin the story, and it's a story worth seeing.

Thank you, Lumet and company.

—Man Trouble

Ellen Barkin and Jack Nicholson make a truly odd couple in *Man Trouble*, a wacky comedy with just enough loose ends tied up to make it moderately funny.

Barkin, crooked grin and all, is classical vocalist Joan Spruance, whose near misses with burglary and assault bring hero Harry Bliss (Nicholson), owner of the House of Bliss Guard Dog Agency and a dog with the hots for women.

Bliss is a married man, trying marriage counseling with his Oriental wife while wooing his secretary and falling in love with Joan. He is using a pseudonym, owes money to the mob and innumerable creditors, and doesn't even own the dog he provides for security. Not a nice guy.

Joan has left one philanderer, is being stalked by a weirdo and driven crazy by her eccentric sister Andy (Beverly D'Angelo), whose newest book is an exposé of a man who doesn't want to be exposed.

It's a comedy of errors with a touch of heart as the crook goes straight as he falls in love.

It's lightweight, with occasional laughs, but not the stuff hits are made of. Catch it on a rainy day or on HBO.

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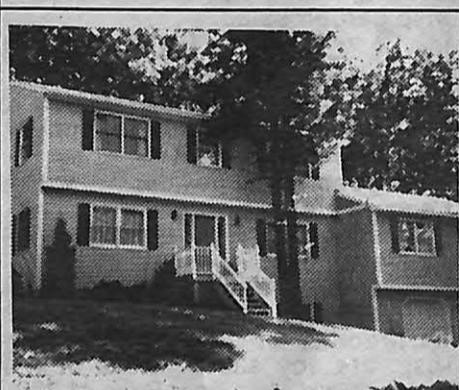
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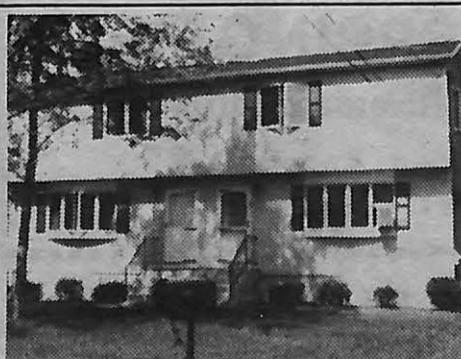
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Baking in the "round" gives this meatloaf a lighter look because it's served in wedges. For a pleasing accent, serve this savory entree with a crisp garden salad.

"COOK IT LITE" MEATLOAF

**1½ pounds lean ground beef
1 cup soft bread crumbs (about 2 slices)
4 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced
½ cup minced onion
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 egg, beaten
3 tablespoons plus ½ teaspoon Kikkoman Lite Soy Sauce
½ teaspoon Oriental sesame oil (optional)**

Thoroughly combine beef, bread crumbs, mushrooms, onion, garlic powder, egg and 3 Tbsp. lite soy sauce. Press mixture lightly into 8-inch round cake pan. Bake at 350°F. 45 minutes.

Remove from oven; let stand 15 minutes. Drain off pan juices. Combine sesame oil with remaining ½ teaspoon lite soy sauce; brush top of meatloaf with mixture. Cut into wedges and serve immediately. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Fresh California Apricots Make Lively Salsa

In season from May just to mid-July, sweet, slightly tangy fresh California apricots are a lively compliment to foods from the grill. California Apricot Salsa is a quick and easy preparation, and a perfect match for grilled fish or poultry.

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For additional recipes featuring California apricots, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: California Apricot Advisory Board, Dept. OM, 1280 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

CALIFORNIA APRICOT SALSA

**1 cup diced fresh California apricots (about 5 ounces)
½ cup diced fresh or canned pineapple
¼ cup chopped onion
¼ cup diced avocado
¼ cup diced red pepper
1½ tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon finely chopped cilantro
Salt and pepper to taste**

In a medium bowl, combine apricots with next 4 ingredients. Sprinkle apricot mixture with lime juice and cilantro; toss and season with salt and pepper. Chill until ready to serve. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrient information (approximate) per serving: Calories 110, Protein 2 g, Fat 8 g, Carbohydrate 11 g, Sodium 6 mg, Cholesterol 0 mg.

Summer Fun With Animated Fish Mugs & Cool Italian Soda

The trend today is towards casual entertaining that focuses on the family. After the recent recession, Americans are reluctant to spend money and time away from home.

Part of this trend includes non-alcoholic beverages compatible with family and good health. Everyone, from kids to grandparents, will enjoy mixing their own Italian sodas from a beverage bar featuring pure fruit and nut syrups.

Build your basic Italian soda bar with a selection of bottled syrups at most specialty or gourmet food stores, sparkling water and a bucket of ice. Supply a pitcher of an exotic fruit juice or two. Have milk or ice cream handy for guests who prefer cream sodas.

Serve these refreshing Italian fruit sodas in Lechters floating fish tumblers. The colorful fish "swim" around the tumbler in a sparkling swirl of glitter.

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So reel in the summer fun with Lechters Housewares affordable "catch" of frolicking fish party ware and plenty of cool Italian soda.

Basic Italian Soda

Pour sparkling water over crushed ice. Add Italian syrup flavoring of your choice: ½ ounce of syrup flavor for an 8-ounce tumbler; OR: 1½ ounces of syrup flavor for a 22-ounce glass. Stir gently.

Italian Cream Soda

Pour sparkling water over ice until glass is ⅔ full. Add ½ ounce of Italian syrup flavor for an 8-ounce tumbler; OR: 1½ ounces of Italian syrup flavor for a 22-ounce glass. Drizzle milk or half and half over top to taste. Do not stir.

Italian Fruit Soda

Fill glass half full with ice. Pour in choice of a natural, exotic fruit juice such as papaya, pineapple, or passion fruit. Add sparkling water to taste. Drizzle between ½ to 1 ounce grenadine or raspberry Italian syrup over top.

Frappe

Fill blender half full with cracked ice. You may add fresh fruit slices such as peach or half a banana. Pour an exotic fruit juice such as papaya, mango, or passion fruit over the ice until blender is ½ full. Add 3 ounces syrup such as raspberry, kiwi, mango, or passion fruit. Blend until smooth. You may blend in half and half or a scoop of vanilla ice cream to taste.

Peach Melba Float

Place a scoop or two of vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt in the bottom of a glass. Pour over top ¾ ounce Italian peach syrup and ¼ ounce Italian raspberry syrup. Slowly pour in sparkling water or milk to fill the glass.

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Agawam Kids Part Of Summer Theatre's Third Show Of Season

STAGE will present "The Peach Boy," the third show in its summer series of young people's theatre, on Friday, July 24th, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 25th, at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, July 26th, at 2:00 p.m.

"The Peach Boy" is the startling tale of a young Japanese prince who is imprisoned in a giant peach and exiled from the kingdom by an evil uncle.

Adopted by a kindly old woodcutter and his wife, the young boy follows many adventures as he grows to manhood, and word of his strength and courage spreads as he defeats a sumo wrestler and a samurai warrior.

His true test comes when an evil race of devils abducts the royal princess and he (along with a dog, a monkey, and a pheasant as his army) attacks the devils' stronghold to rescue the princess and regain his rightful place on the royal throne.

This exciting Japanese folktale is brought to life by 43 talented young people who have been attending STAGE Summer Theatre Camp for the past two weeks.

Co-producers Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora have worked with them by introducing aspects of Japanese culture, including language, art, and theatre styles based on Noh and Kabuki drama.

The play will incorporate traditional Japanese dress decorated by the students, along with masks and makeup that they have designed in the tradition of the Japanese theatre.

For those who have young children of school age, this is a children's production not to be missed. Full of pageantry, song, and drama, this production will be a unique experience for audiences who come to see these talented, local young people perform.

"The Peach Boy" will be presented at The Red Door Theatre on the campus of The Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Tickets are only \$3, but reservations are strongly recommended. Call 789-2026 or 569-0318 for information and reservations.



STUDENTS FROM AGAWAM PARTICIPATING in STAGE's production of "The Peach Boys" are, from left - Melody Serafino, Lucas Taylor, Scott Belisle, Johanna Masotti, Eric Belisle, and Jordan Page.

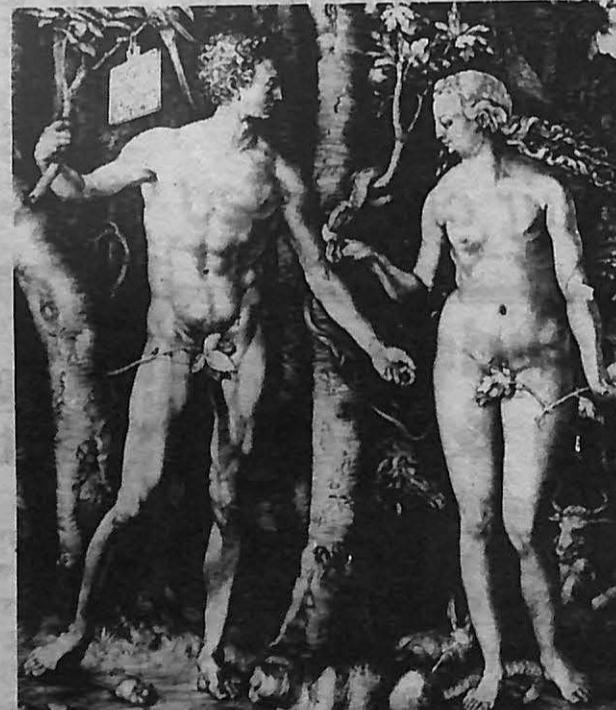
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"The Swing Years" To Conclude Concerts At Stanley Park

Ned Battista, the founder of the Houston Pops, will lead the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in the finale concert of the 10th anniversary season of Summer Pops at Stanley Park on Thursday, July 30th, at 7:30 p.m.

Entitled "The Swing Years," this program will feature Swing and Big Band favorites from the likes of Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, and Glenn Miller. This concert is sponsored by Woronoco Savings Bank and WMAS Radio.

Maestro Battista and the Orchestra will take you back to the Swing Era with works like Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" and "Moonlight Serenade," Tommy Dorsey's "Boogie Woogie," as well as the sophisticated jazz of Duke Ellington.

Special choreographed dance will be performed during parts of the program by dancers from the Fred Astaire Dance Studios of Springfield.

Just prior to the concert, the Annual Picnic Contest will begin and so will the fun! Audience members will display their culinary and visual creativity in one of three categories.

The judges will make their way around the park before the performance to taste and evaluate everyone's displays. Participants must register at the concessions area before 6:15 p.m.

This year's judges for the picnic contest are Maureen Kane, Controller and Treasurer of Toomey Associates, Inc. of Westfield, and Doug LaPlante, Vice President of Shawmut Bank in Westfield and Springfield.

Audience members can compete for prizes in displaying the best Big Band Theme in the "Swing Soiree" category, the diverse use of color, food, etc. in the "Picnic with Most Variety" category, and the most elaborate overall picnic display in the "Best Picnic Performance" category.

Prizes include a \$100 gift certificate to The Golden Peacock gift shop in South Hadley; a "Summer Fun Pack" full of tickets to great summer events courtesy of WMAS Radio; and a pair of subscription seats to the SSO's 1992/93 Saturday Pops Series featuring Lou Rawls, Marvin Hamlisch, Holiday Pops, and *A Night on Broadway*.

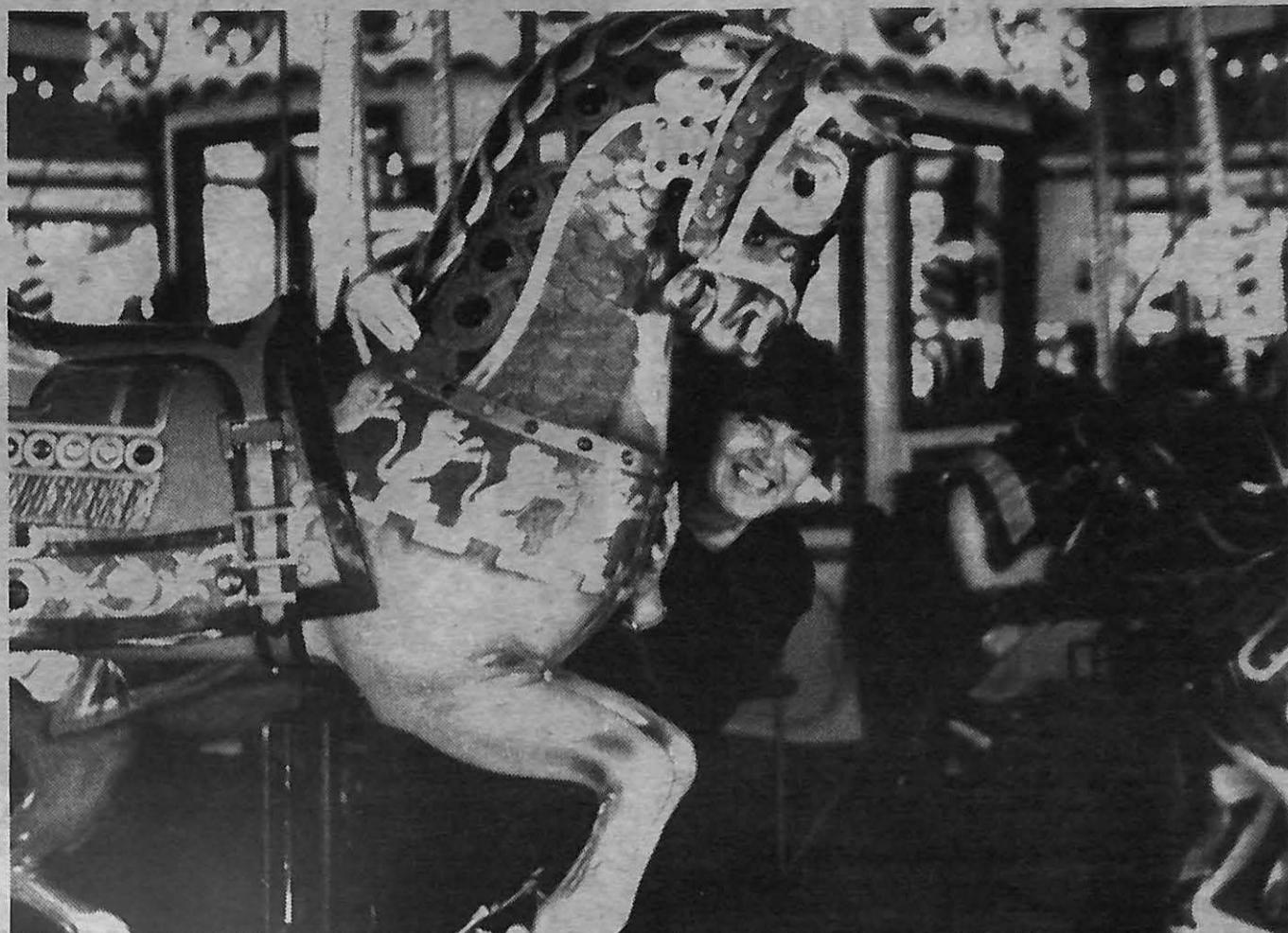
Each Summer Pops program offers advance-order picnic menus from these leading caterers: Chanterelle, Farrell's, the Glass Lily, and Hofbrauhaus Catering. Concert-goers order their picnic choices one day in advance, then pick them up at the concession tents upon arrival at Stanley Park.

Drinks and snacks will be available at the park from Simpson's Gourmet, plus Peterjon's Ice Cream for dessert! To obtain the brochure and menu, call the Symphony Box Office at (413) 733-2291.

Single tickets are on sale at the Symphony Box Office in Springfield's Baystate West, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at 166 Elm Street, Westfield, and Local Expressions gift shop at 132 Elm Street, Westfield.

For further information, contact Deirdre Pueschel or Marisa Brown at (413) 733-0636.

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SANDRA SAITTO DUDEK of Agawam rides on the famous Riverside Amusement Park Carousel. Ten of Sandra's watercolor works will be shown at the New England Carousel Museum.

Sandra S. Dudek Of Agawam Has Carousel Paintings On Exhibit

An exhibition of 10 magnificent watercolor paintings of the Riverside Carousel will be shown at the New England Carousel Museum.

"A Kaleidoscope of light, color and shapes" describes the work of Sandra Saitto Dudek, a resident of Agawam, the home of Riverside Park.

Sandra was inspired by the Park's magnificent carousel built by Marcus Charles Illions and sons in 1909. The exhibition, entitled *Color in Motion: Portrait of a Carousel*, will open to the public on Saturday, August 1st.

Louise L. DeMars, Executive Director of the New England Carousel Museum, said that she believes that Sandra's paintings have captured the thrill and excitement of the carousel ride and the beauty of the animals.

"We look forward to opening the show and sharing her beautiful watercolors with our visitors," remarks Ms. DeMars.

Sandra views her artwork as an interpretation of life and as a Kaleidoscope of light, color and shapes. She states, "When my eye caught a combination of these elements that delight and uplift my spirit, I feel compelled to capture my im-

pression on paper or canvas."

Sandra has exhibited in regional and national shows with such prestigious organizations as the Academic Artists Association, Springfield Art League, The North American Society of Marine Artists, and The International Society of Marine Painters.

An art teacher at West Springfield Art School since 1965, Sandra was recently awarded a grant from the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, which has given the artist the inspiration to produce a series of 18 watercolors which will depict the entire Riverside carousel.

The New England Carousel Museum is located at 95 Riverside Avenue (Rt. 72) in Bristol, Connecticut. The Museum is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors, and \$2.50 for children ages four to 14. For more information about the Carousel Museum, membership, group tours, educational programs, outreach programs, birthday parties, and facility rental, call (203) 585-5411.

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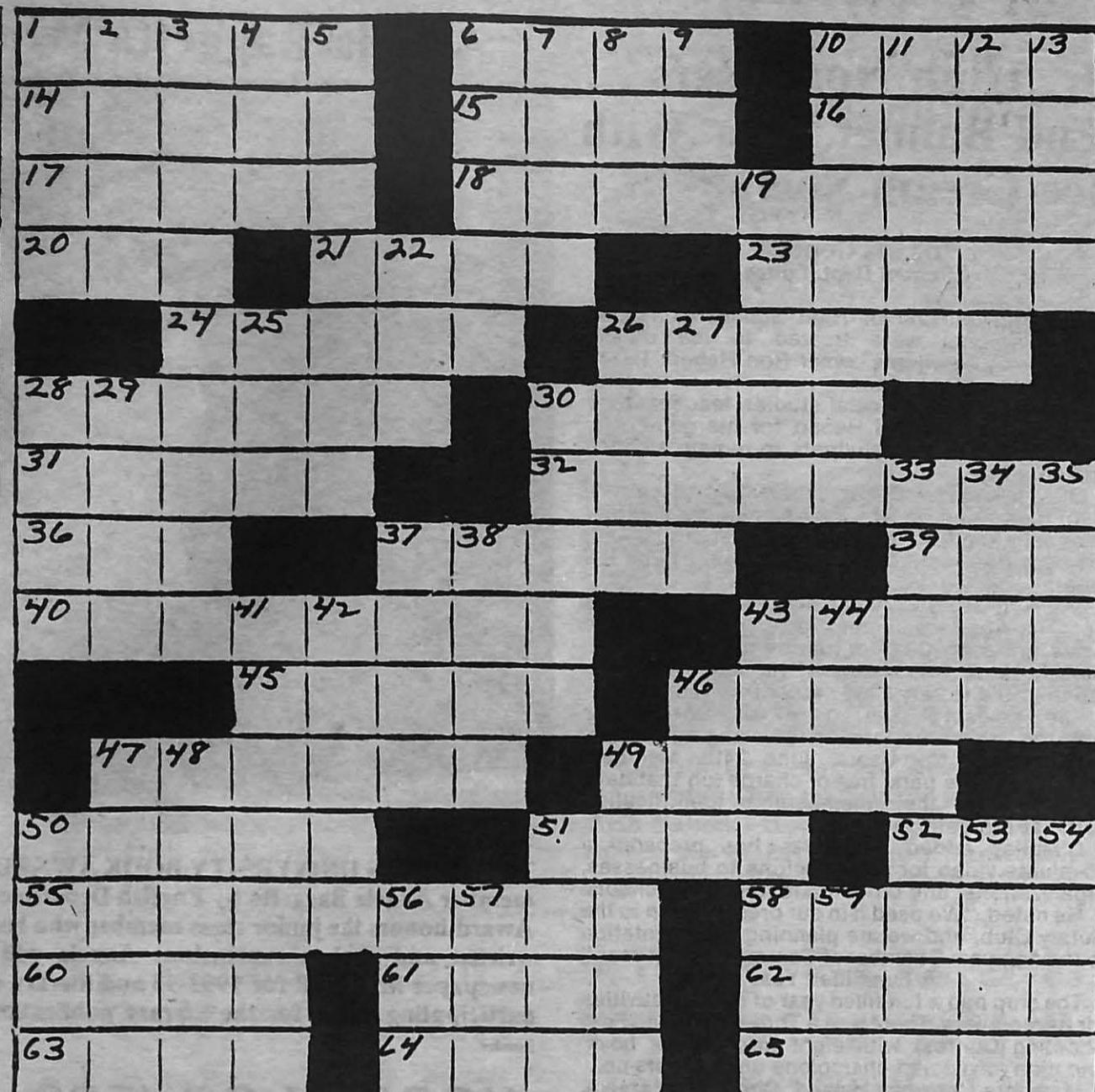
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Jr. High Non-Users End Banner Year With Ice Cream Social

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam Junior High School Non-Users Club members were treated to ice cream, courtesy of Peterjon's owner Ron Hebert, to top off a great school year.

Club advisor and social studies teacher Gerry O'Malley commended Hebert for his generosity and for encouraging students to remain alcohol- and drug-free.

O'Malley said, "Our members had to write a short paragraph on why they signed the contract to remain free from alcohol and other drugs. And, they got free ice cream in exchange. I think it's great."

The Non-Users Club has also received pledges from the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Rotary Club for future financial support. O'Malley and advisor James Ryan made a presentation to the Rotary Club earlier this year.

The advisors praised Mayor Christopher Johnson for his assistance in arranging a Riverside Day for Non-Users, June 24th. Members could enjoy the park, free-of-charge (on that day), by presenting their membership identification cards at the gate.

O'Malley added that Ryan has prepared a 15-minute video for presentations to businesses, organizations, and other interested area schools.

He noted, "We used it in our presentation to the Rotary Club, and we are planning a presentation to the Agawam Chamber of Commerce next year."

"A Fun-Filled Year"

The club had a fun-filled year of social activities for its members. There was a Three-Point and Foul Shooting Contest with eight trophies for boys' and girls' divisional champions and runners-up.

Members Courtney Hyland, Christina Mazelka, and Kristine Sisk won tickets to a Red Sox baseball game for creating a puppet performance regarding not smoking and baseball games.

Teacher Roger LeClerc shared some of his memorabilia from his nine professional years with the Chicago Bears football team during a Sport Card Show and Swap. Local businesses Tomco and Wildcard presented many cards in April to enhance that show.

Some members of the Non-Users Club put together a puppet show for elementary level students to reinforce their message of drug-free living. The show was presented to first and third graders at Granger and Robinson Park Schools.

Ryan was also able to confirm a discounted price of 50% off Mother's and Father's Day cards for members at three local drugstores: Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Smith Drugs, and Ryan's Drugs.

Plans for next year include a program with Longmeadow Junior High. O'Malley said, "We made a presentation on May 12th during an in-service day, and Longmeadow wants to begin a club, too."

To finish off this year, members once again assisted Granger Physical Education instructor Paul Bachini for the school's field days.

Also, two secret membership numbers were hidden throughout the Junior High's yearbook, "Echoes," and those students received free copies of their yearbook.

Some Contest-Winning Entries

The Agawam Advertiser News would like to share some of the student entries that were submitted for the contest at Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream Parlor in Feeding Hills that won them their ice cream treat.

In response to the sentence beginning, "I'm going to stay alcohol-, drug-, and tobacco-free this summer because..."

Eighth grader Christy Dubay wrote, "I don't want my life to be ruled over by an addiction. It's not worth risking everything you have for one or two highs. There is always another way, besides drugs."

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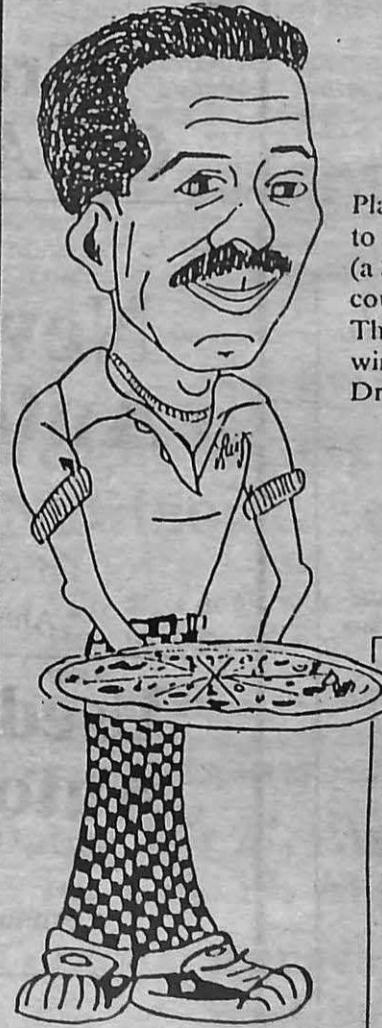
Angela Baggetta Wins Brown Book Award



THE BROWN UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD was presented to Agawam High Class of 1993 member Angela Baggetta by English Department Chairwoman Rosemary Stratton. The Book Award honors the junior class member who best combines academic excellence with clarity in written and spoken expression. Angela will be the feature editor of the AHS student newspaper MIRROR for 1992-93 and literary editor of the SACHEM Yearbook, as well as a participating writer for the literary publication UNICORN at AHS. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

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Marianne Hines wrote, "I don't think there's any need to use any of these substances at any time. I can have a good time without any of these things."

Mike Johnson said, "Drugs just alter reality, and I like the way things are as it is."

Maryann Spring noted, "I don't want to be arrested and I certainly don't want my life messed up. And I don't want to lose my friends to drugs."

Katie Reynolds wrote, "I have seen the effects these things have on people. I don't want anything to do with that. I want to be able to enjoy and remember my summer."

Seventh grader Bridget Rust wrote, "If I start, I might lose everything I have, or I might even lose my life."

Zach Mouneimneh said, "I want to stay healthy and live."

Ed Shibley noted, "If I go to a party or do something fun, I want to come home, not get sick, and remember what I did. And I just don't want to ruin my life."

Nicole Schutt said, "I have better things to do. I'm not going to waste my time taking drugs and be a loser. You can't do anything when you're high. It messes up your mind. I want to party all summer; not do drugs."

Danielle Distefano wrote, "They can kill you at an early age, and you should get the most out of your life."

And Jason Jean summed up most of the students' expressions by writing, "I want to be a somebody. I don't want to mess up my life with drugs because I have a dream."

AIC Awards Degrees To Town Residents

American International College awarded more than 250 degrees to undergraduate students during its 107th commencement exercises, May 17th, at the Springfield Civic Center in Springfield.

Local students receiving degrees were:

From Agawam: Jay Kamyk, 71 Woodside Drive, BSBA/Business Studies; Rosemary Gagliarducci, 17 Hampden Lane, BBA/Cum Laude; David Whitman, Jr., 16 Forest Road, BSBA/Accounting; Michelle Barnes, 418 Meadow Street, BS/Special Education, Magna Cum Laude; Lisa Mezzetti-Hayden, 43 Corey Colonial, BS/Elementary Education, Cum Laude; Ingrid Fogg, 35 Arbor Lane, BSHS, Summa Cum Laude; Edward Modzelewski, 38 Althea Circle, BSBA/Finance.

From Feeding Hills: Thomas Lockwood, 38 Rising Street, BSBA/International Business; Jeffrey Reece, 34 Kellogg Avenue, BSBA/General Business.

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Brunelle Receives Rensselaer Medal



AGAWAM HIGH SCIENCE DEPT. Chairman Kenneth Dean awarded Class of 1993 member Brian Brunelle with the Rensselaer Medal for outstanding mathematic and science achievement. Brian was recently inducted to the AHS National Honor Society with a cumulative grade point average of 104. He is the youngest son of AHS computer teacher Bill Brunelle and Agawam Middle School teacher Gail Brunelle. Brian is also a member of the school's football team. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

Ag. Summer Band To Perform Concert

The Agawam Summer Band will conclude its Five-Week Instrumental Music Program by presenting an outdoor pops concert on Thursday, July 30th, at 6:30 p.m. in front of Agawam Junior High School.

Over 100 students in grades five through nine have participated in this year's program. Professional teachers include: Norma Turcotte from the Enfield Public Schools; Elizabeth Knowles from the Springfield Public Schools; Mark Branco and Mark Weissmann of Westfield State College; and freelance trumpet professional John Smialek.

The group is under the direction of Kenneth Longstreeth and Tammy Watson, who are instrumental music teachers at the Middle and Junior High Schools.

Barry Q. Wu Receives Master's Degree At BU

Barry Q. Wu graduated from Boston University with a Master's Degree in Computer Engineering on May 17th, 1992. From the same university, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1986.

Presently, he is employed as a computer engineer at GTE in Waltham, MA.

Curtis Q. Wu (Barry's younger brother) received his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University on June 14th, 1992. He had previously received his Bachelor's Degree from MIT in 1990, also in Mechanical Engineering.

Currently, Curtis is working as a Mechanical Engineer at Siliconix in Santa Clara, California.

The proud parents of these young men are Mr. and Mrs. Hong Wu of 87 Forest Road, Agawam.

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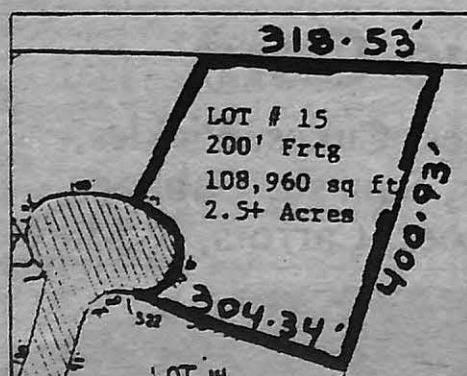
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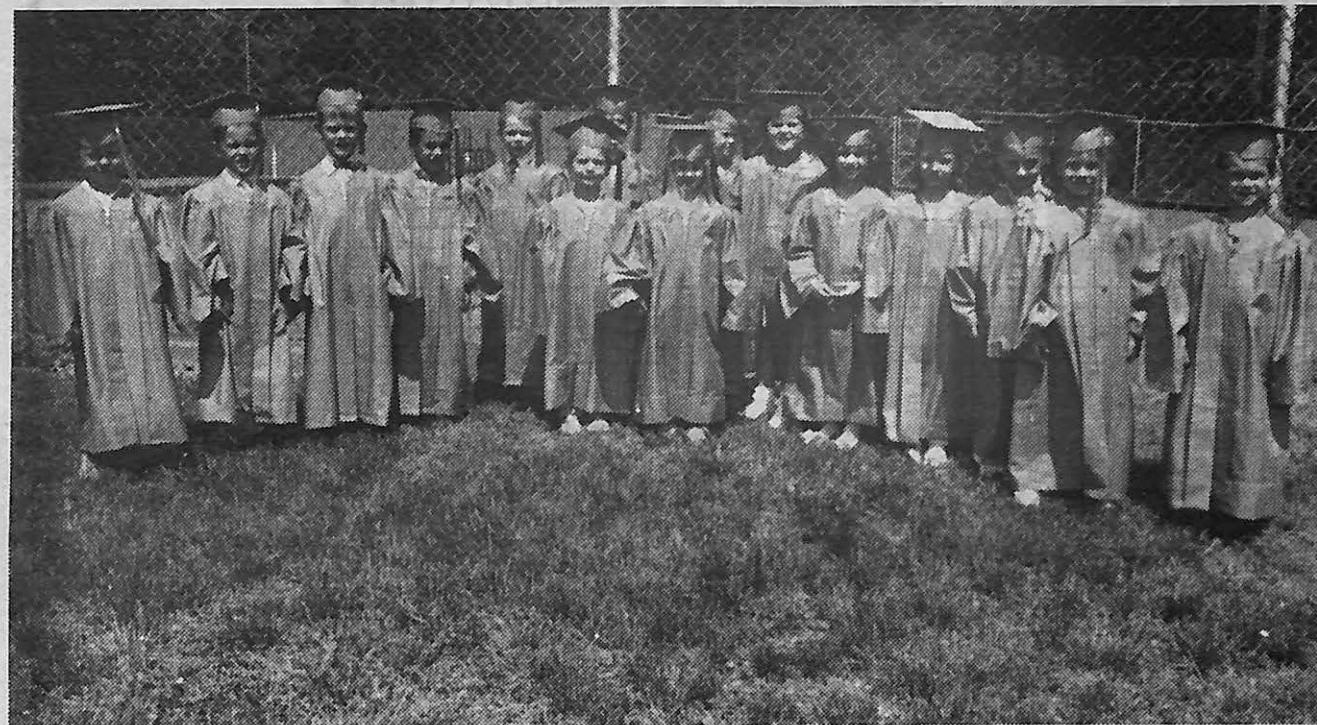
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Perry Lane Nursery Has Some Openings

Perry Lane Nursery, located at Perry Lane Park, has a few more openings for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday (12:30 to 3:00 p.m.) session for those children who will turn four years old by September 30th, 1992. A child need not be a town resident to attend.

The nursery school is operated by the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department and employs a very dedicated staff who create a caring atmosphere that recognizes children as unique individuals by stimulating personal growth and development through a variety of sensory experiences.

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The tuition for the session which runs from September 1992 to May 1993 is \$585, payable in nine monthly installments. There is no separate registration fee.

All other sessions at the nursery are filled. For further information, please call the Parks/Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

Frank A. Buoniconti WNEC Graduate

Frank A. Buoniconti of Feeding Hills, the son of Frank and Jeanne Buoniconti, was among the 856 graduate and undergraduate students who were awarded degrees from Western New England College at the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 16th, at the Springfield Civic Center.

Buoniconti received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a major in management in February, 1992. Dr. Beverly W. Miller, president of Western New England College, presented Buoniconti with a letter of congratulations at the commencement ceremony.

Buoniconti was a member of the Martial Arts Club.

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LESLIE YOUNG and DONNA PEREIRA sweep the parking lot at Phelps School as little Sam Young looks on.

Happy Voices Of Play Keep Kids Active At Phelps School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Complaints of "nothing to do" and aimless wandering have been changed to the sound of happy voices at play, according to Phelps Elementary School Principal William Miller.

The students were able to enjoy the spring months out on the playground and blacktop during recess, thanks to the school's PTO members who replaced weathered lines.

The PTO volunteers measured and painted faded lines for games needing 4-squares, a large circle, and hopscotch. The PTO purchased the supplies needed to paint heavy-duty traffic line marking and supplied the "elbow grease at no charge to the school."

Miller said that the staff at Phelps feels that teachers and parents working together can create the positive atmosphere children need in which to learn.

Prior to the end of school, the Phelps School staff held a "thank you" breakfast for the many PTO volunteers who give so generously of their time, talent, and energy.

The breakfast was organized by the second grade teachers Mrs. Daborowski, Mrs. Drinkwine, and Miss O'Brien. Approximately 60 parents were acknowledged for their "valuable contributions to the school community," according to Miller.

Phelps teachers said they "deeply appreciate the many events parents and the PTO organize," such as the special new kindergarten bus run, Holiday Workshops, Santa's Visit, Community Sing-A-Long, International Supper, C.A.P.P., H.A.P.P.E., and the Phelps annual Picnic/Field Day.

Teachers had the assistance by volunteers in recess, computers, field trips, traffic control, birthday board, kindergarten registration, afternoon kindergarten arrival, library, preparation of materials, and duplicating papers is also very much appreciated.



PHELPS SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS thanked at a breakfast for all their help during the 1991-92 school year included, from left - Pat Drewniak, Sue Dempsey, Eileen Ratkiewicz, and Darlene Woodson.



PHELPS SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS Louise Pilegi and Diane Hajdamowicz make lines for a playground game as Michael Hajdamowicz looks on.

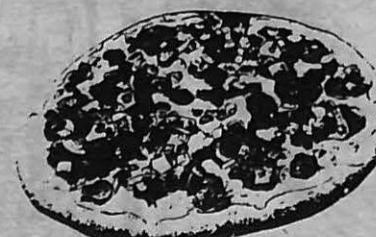
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The Kids' Place child care center at 901 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, has constructed a new playground for the children to enjoy.

The children watched in anticipation from indoors as the workers laid a new surface, built climbers for the separate toddler and preschool play areas, and planted a grassy area for stories and picnics.

After four days of construction, the children explored the new area, running on the soft surface, climbing the ladders, sliding down the slides and the tube, and digging in the sand.

The Kids' Place is an educational preschool and infant/toddler program for children through kindergarten age.

Former AHS Grad "Teacher Of Year" In Marlboro, Mass.

Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) Major was honored recently by the city of Marlboro, Massachusetts, as "Teacher of the Year" at a dinner put on by the United Brethren Lodge of Masons in that community.

The award was presented by David Flynn, Superintendent of Schools in Marlboro, along with a commendation from the Massachusetts Senate by the office holder in that district.

This was the first annual Teacher of the Year Award given in Marlboro, and the Masons presented a scholarship in her name to the Marlboro schools.

Ms. Major is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Major and the late Lloyd Major, and is a 1965 graduate of Agawam High School. She received her degree in Music Education from Lowell State College in 1969, and has taught music in the Marlboro schools for 22 years.

Originally assigned to elementary schools in that community, she has been at the Middle School for the past 10 years, teaching classroom music, choruses, and even the Middle School Band.

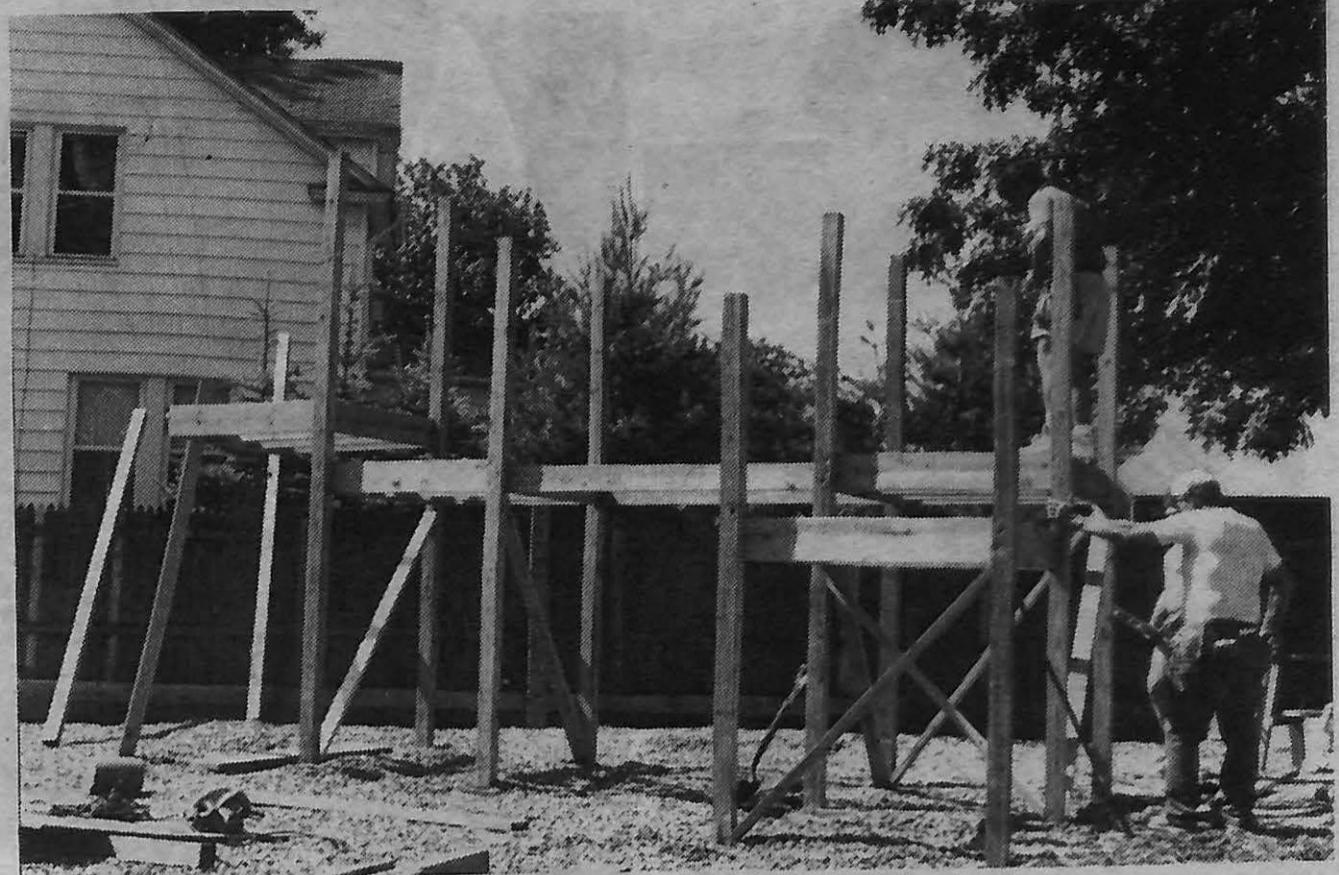
She started the tradition of eighth grade Musical Theatre in Marlboro and has presented full-scale productions of Disney's "Jungle Book," "Alice in Wonderland," "Robin Hood," and "The Pirates of Penzance."

Beth was recognized for her hard work and dedication, being cited for the long hours put in for many years on these musical productions.

While a student in the Agawam schools, she was active in the music department courses and choruses, as well as taking part in four of the major musicals that were produced at the school during her high school years.

These included "Annie Get Your Gun," "Bye, Bye Birdie," "Bells Are Ringing," and she was given a featured role in the production of "Do Re Mi" in her senior year.

Teaching youngsters music is really the only thing she's ever wanted to do, she said in accepting the award. "I knew I'd wanted to do this from a very young age."



THE BEFORE AND AFTER photos of the new playground at the Kids' Place Child Care Center, located at 901 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.



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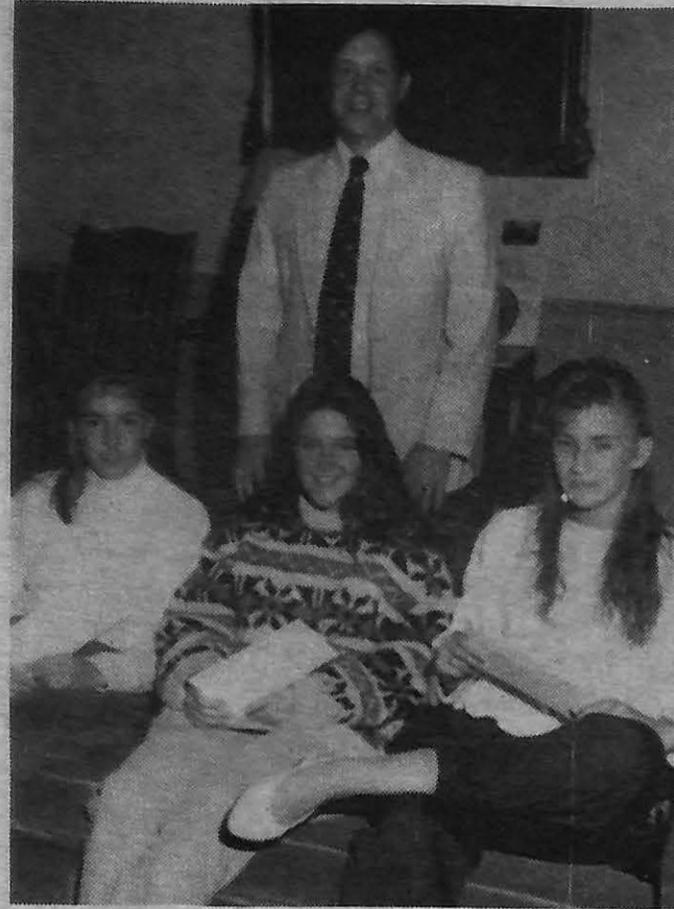
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Stacy Dickinson Receives Scholarship

Suffield: Scholarships have been awarded recently to five 1992 high school graduates by The First Church of Christ, Congregational in Suffield.

The awards program, established in 1985, honor those "members of the church who have displayed during their academic careers, the basic principles of Christian living as represented in the Church and civic activities and their plans for the future."

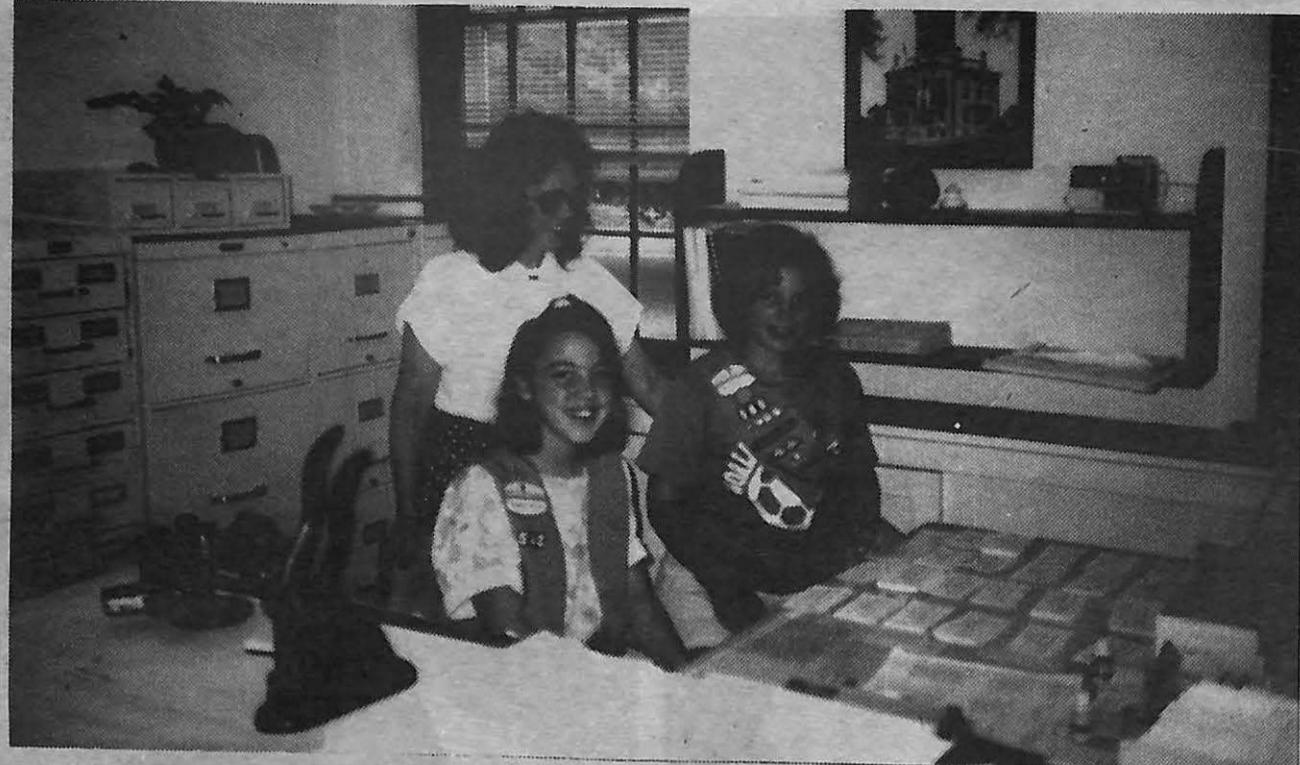
The award is in the form of a monetary gift.

Those selected by the Awards Committee of the Church to receive the honor are:

Stacy Dickinson, a graduate of Agawam High School, and Suffield High School graduates Christy Heffron, Dana Kling, Jackie Long and Emily Schelling.

Their church participation has included youth programs, choirs, and handbells.

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AGAWAM GIRL SCOUTS Trina Bowler and Gwen Gonyea are being assisted with their duties at the Town Clerk's Office by Carolyn Widmer.

Agawam Girl Scouts Enjoy Internship In Clerk's Office At Agawam Town Hall

From January to June, many of Agawam's girl scouts—including Trina Bowler and Gwen Gonyea—were busy not only fulfilling their commitments for the Agawam Government Day & Badge, but also taking the opportunity to learn more about our town's government. In the process, many of the elected and appointed officials became known to the scouts.

Part of the requirements gave the girls who participated a chance to meet with Mayor Johnson, who took much time from his busy schedule to meet with the Agawam scouts.

Mayor Johnson talked of his duties as Agawam's first elected mayor; gave a brief history of the town's executive branch; summarized the duties and responsibilities of the many departments; answered all sorts of questions; and encouraged participants to complete the program.

Scouts Gonyea and Bowler, two of the 35 participants in the program, worked diligently to complete all requirements. Both agreed that it was a lot of work, but thought it was fun.

They would not hesitate to encourage other scouts to participate in the Agawam Government Day & Badge Program if it's offered in the future.

Trina and Gwen, who will both be sixth grade students in the Agawam Middle School this fall, were assigned to the City Clerk's office. Misses Gonyea and Bowler learned of the responsibilities of recording births, deaths, marriages, issuing the different licenses, etc.

The vault of records was especially interesting, and the clerks in the office were friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful to the scouts. However, both girls enjoyed meeting Mr. Theroux.

Trina Bowler has been a scout for only one year. She lives on Adams Street with her parents, Dale and Roger, and sister, Tara, who has also been a scout.

An honor roll student this year, Trina hopes to continue her girl scout ways of helping others by becoming a nurse. A member of Troop No. 542 (Mrs. Doris Donovan, leader), Trina has had a great year, but especially enjoyed attending a basketball game.

Gwen Gonyea lives on Deering Street with her parents, Richard and Judy, and brother, Steve. She is a member of Troop No. 565, where Mrs. Marsh is the leader.

A veteran scout of five years, Gwen enjoys camping and is looking forward to her troop participating in this type of event in Maine. Gwen's favorite pastime is soccer, and she hopes one day to become a professional player.

Trina and Gwen are two of the 35 young citizens from Agawam who have had a unique and rewarding experience to learn first-hand about the different aspects of our town's government.

This is due to the dedication and encouragement of all of Agawam's officials, their girl scout leaders, and the originators and coordinators of the program—Doris Donovan and Helen Manning.

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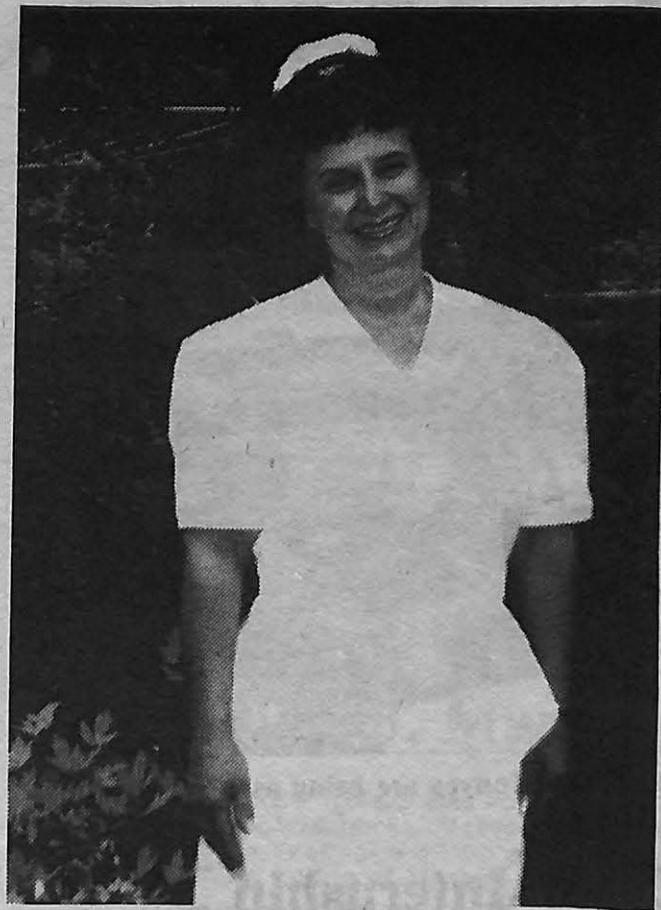
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ELIZABETH BONFITTO

Elizabeth Bonfitto Nursing Graduate

Mrs. Elizabeth Bonfitto of Feeding Hills recently graduated with honors from the Springfield Technical Community College Registered Nursing Program.

The candlelight capping and pinning ceremony was held in May at the local college.

In addition to a Science in Nursing degree, Mrs. Bonfitto also holds an associate's degree in Liberal Arts and a Registered Dental Assistant licence from STCC.

She has accepted a nursing position in the Cardiac Telemetry Unit at Bay State Medical Center in Springfield.

Sharon Phaneuf On Wheaton Dean's List

Sharon Phaneuf of Feeding Hills has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

Ms. Phaneuf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Phaneuf, is a member of the class of 1995.

Wheaton College is a coeducational liberal arts college of about 1,250 students. The college will inaugurate its sixth president, Dale Rogers Marshall, on October 3rd.



AGAWAM BROWNIE 541 TROOP members participate in a "Bridging Ceremony" at Westfield's Stanley Park.

Kimberly S. Souders Grad Of Framingham

Framingham State College (FSC) held its Commencement on Sunday, May 31st at 2:00 p.m. on the Village Green in Framingham Centre, Massachusetts.

Receiving a degree in Elementary Education at the Commencement was Kimberly S. Souders of Feeding Hills.

The Commencement Address was given by Mayor of Boston Raymond L. Flynn, who was also the recipient of an honorary doctor of laws (LL.D.) degree.

Elms College Lists Local Honors Students

Dr. Patrick Delaney, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Elms College, has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 1991-1992 academic year.

The Dean's List is composed of students who have earned a quality point average of 3.50 or better.

Included on the list from Agawam were: Judith LeClerc, 85 Albert Street; Deborah Reen, 134 Walnut Street; Maria Scoville, 829 River Road.

From Feeding Hills: Dawn Rivest of 108 Oak Lane.

Brownie Troop 541 At Stanley Park

Agawam Brownie Troop 541 held its "Bridging Ceremony" from Brownies to Girl Scouts on June 7th at Stanley Park in Westfield.

The girls participated in a short ceremony, then crossed the bridge to receive their Girl Scout Wings. This was followed by a family picnic at the park.

Troop members include Tiffany Blackman, April Carreau, Rachel Caruso, Gina Castellanos, Laurie Cawley, Jessica Coelho, Heather Crescentini, Lauren DeLuca, Kerri Fuiwurth, Tara Feeley, Katie Gallagher, Melissa Maynard, Tara Reilly, Jenny Rohan, and Stephanie Rondinelli.

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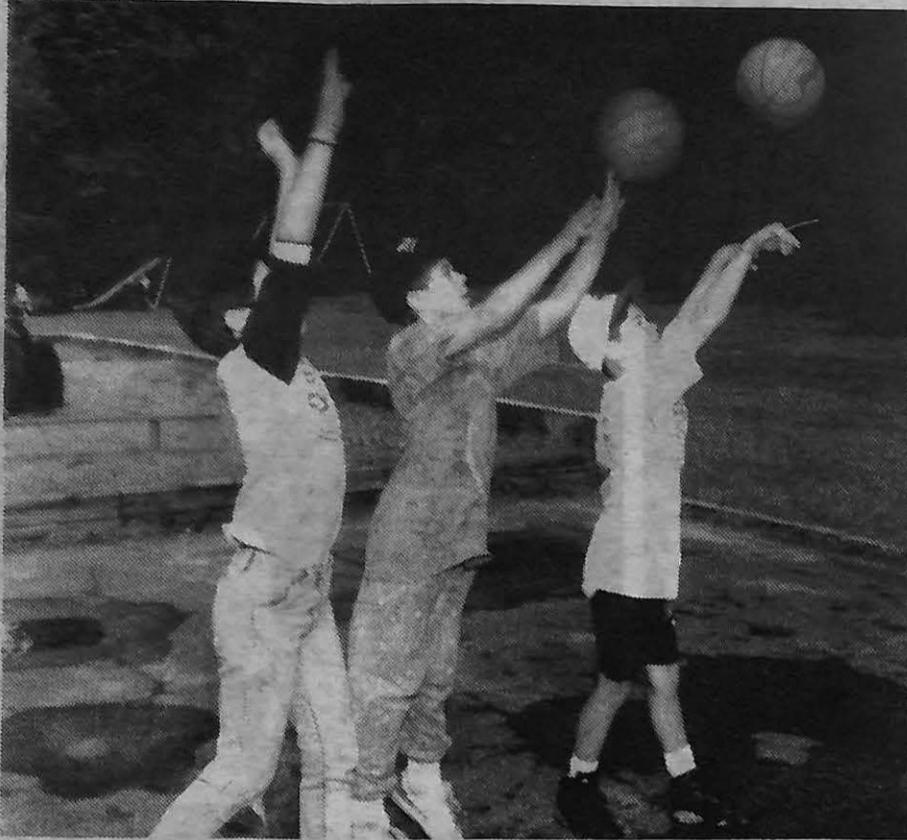
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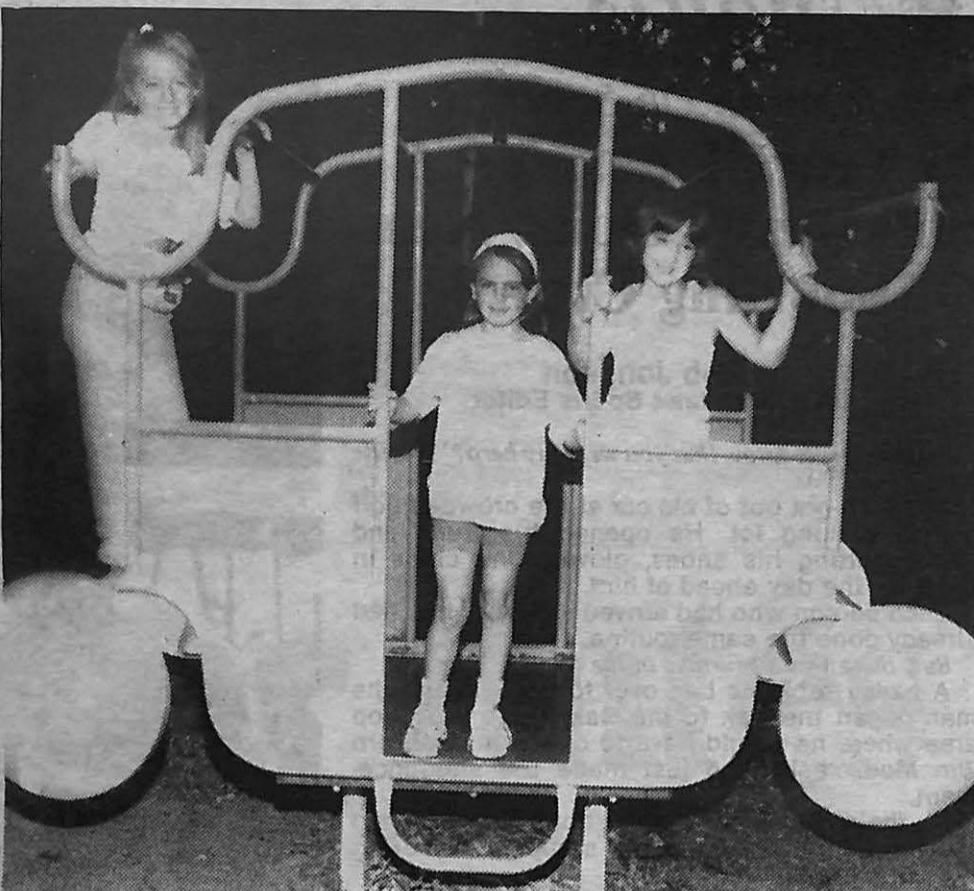
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Sports

Bob Johnson On Sports...

25 Years Later, YAZ Still Draws Oohs/Aahs Of Sporting Crowd

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

"Did you ever know that you were my hero?"—Bette Midler

The man got out of his car at the crowded golf course parking lot. He opened his trunk and began getting his shoes, gloves, and clubs in order for the day ahead of him.

Each person who had arrived ahead of him had already done the same routine.

But, there was a murmur in the crowd.

A caddy took his bag over to cart 1A and the man began the trek to the Oak Ridge Pro Shop area where he would have to check in. Golf pro Jim Modzelesky had just made the announcement.

As the man walked slowly, confidently toward the designated area, people stopped to look at him, to stare at him.

"Hey look," the whispers seemed to shout, "That's Yaz."

Yes, indeedy, it was Carl Yastrzemski. And it wasn't as if Yaz hadn't played Oak Ridge before. He's probably played the course in Feeding Hills a couple dozen times over the years.

But, he was also the MAN in New England for a couple dozen baseball seasons. A face that you could never forget; it's etched forever in your mind. A player for the ages.

Some people tried to act casual as he walked by. Others had their pens and something to autograph. Those people would edge toward him with their heads and upper bodies, but they couldn't get their feet to move or their mouths to work. The man does have some kind of aura.

Of course, throughout the day, people get a little braver. It's easier to approach him once you have seen him approached once or twice. It's very easy when he's surrounded by a group.

He stopped and talked to a taller, slimmer man for about five minutes. The other man wasn't chopped liver in Beantown, either. He was also a Polish-American that took Irish Boston by storm.

He was "Hondo" John Havlicek.

Yaz talked easily and freely with Hondo and then finished his walk to the check-in table. There was a man in front of Yaz, and Carl stepped in behind him.

When it was his turn, the sweet young thing at the table looked up at him and asked, "Name, please?" In a low voice, the words came back, "Umm, Carl Yastrzemski." Several onlookers turned and smiled. Mono Strycharz got a big kick out of it.

Yaz Is Easy To Recognize

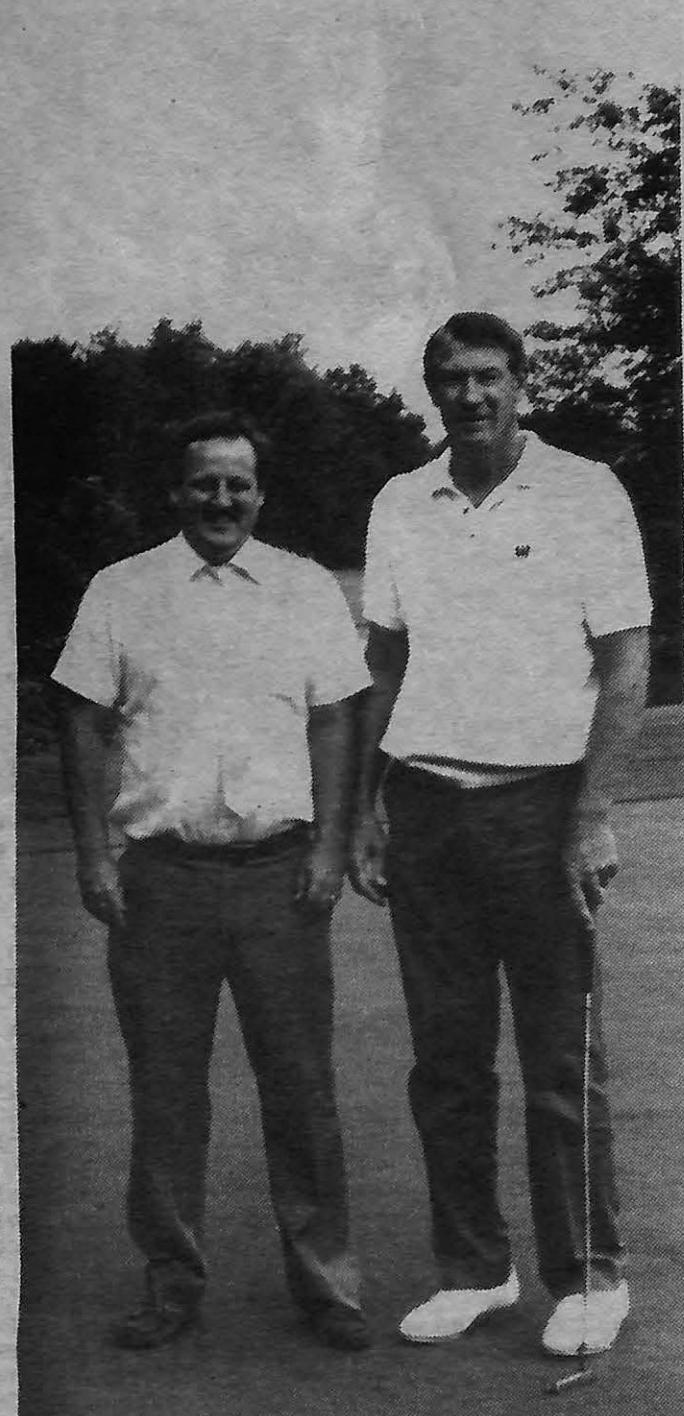
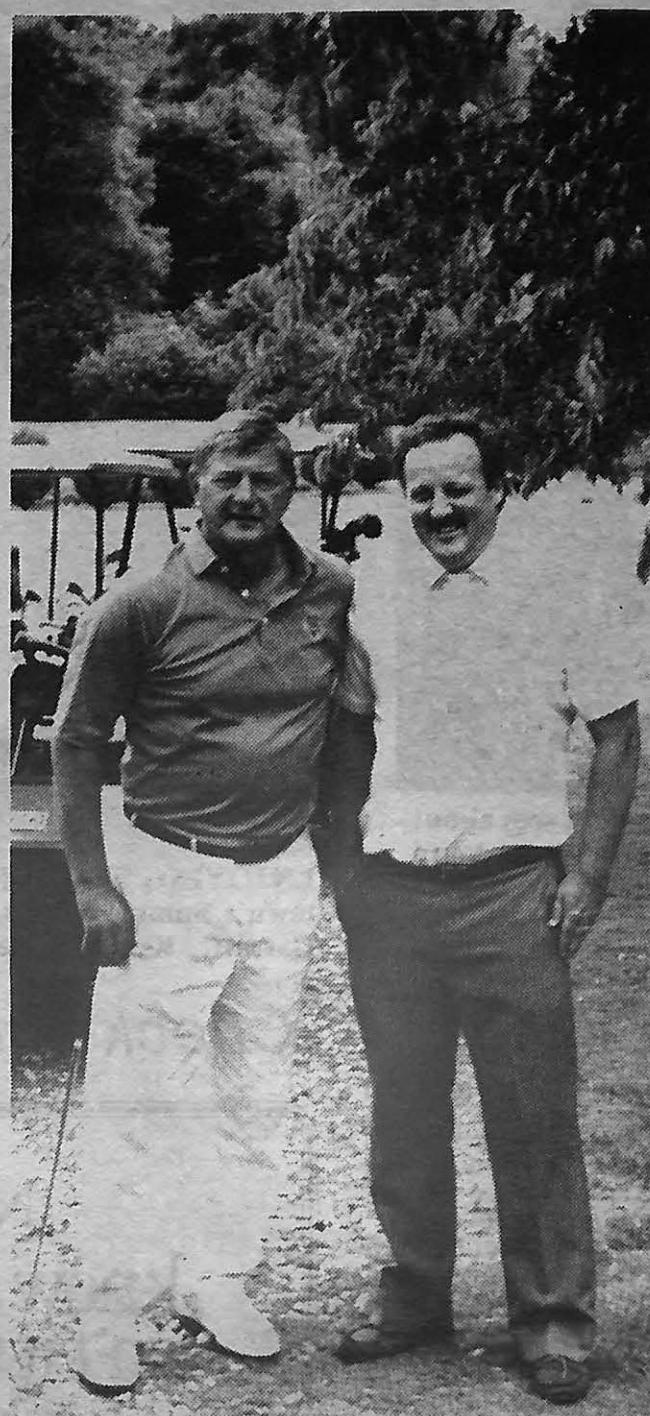
I mean, here is a guy whom you can recognize from the back. He couldn't wear his hair slicked down or a fake nose and glasses. This guy stands out in a crowd.

His walk, his demeanor. If he grabbed one of those back belt loops like he used to do in the batter's box, it's a dead giveaway.

I've had my picture taken with many sports celebrities, including Bird, Russell, Clemens, Auerbach, Gretzky, and so on, but there is only one picture hanging on my wall at the office. Me and Mister Yastrzemski.

It seems to give me instant celebrity when clients walk through my office doors.

"You know Yaz?!" "Well, I don't really know him, but I've talked to him lots of times. Well, actually, I've hung around with him at the golf course for the last three years, and I got a chance to fish with him at Oak



AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS SPORTS EDITOR Bob Johnson spent some time with former Boston Red Sox great Carl Yastrzemski during a recent tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Johnson is pictured with former Boston Celtics great John "Hondo" Havlicek, who also played in the tournament.

Ridge last year..."

I could sell those clients the Brooklyn Bridge again, if you know what I mean.

Yaz moved around the fairways and greens at Oak Ridge as if he was a club member. He knew the layout and explained it to a couple of guys in the fivesome.

He rolled in a 15 footer for birdie on the second hole ("Routine, Carl?" "Routine."), and he put his tee shot on the green at number four.

We had a chance to talk a little baseball, too. He said he still loves it, and he loves to work with the kids in the minors.

"Sometimes, I get a little upset when I teach a kid something at eight o'clock in the morning and he doesn't apply it later in the day. Sometimes that really frustrates me," he said.

When asked if he seeks (or demands) that constant disciplined and dedicated work ethic for which he was always noted, Yaz didn't answer it directly. I think he knew that I already knew the answer.

This is a different era, a different breed. He didn't say so, but I believe that is what he wanted to say.

Do you still like talking about baseball, Yaz? "I do. I like to watch the game and the young players that are breaking into it.

Yaz's Opinions On Present-Day Red Sox Players

"As far as the Sox are concerned, (Phil) Plantier has got to get it going if they are going to do anything. I like Valentine and Blosser in the minors. I'm glad (Bob) Zupcic is finally getting his chance because I've always liked his swing."

I was going to ask him if he thought the Sox could make a big second-half run with this team, but I figured the Democrats were handling the politics this week, and I thought I would give Yaz a break.

The five were three under par after three holes. I didn't want to break his concentration by having him reach for just the right answer.

He would have had one, though. He always does. He loves those Red Sox and they probably need spokesmen like him now, more than at any time in the past 25 years anyway.

It was 25 years ago this summer that Yaz made New England baseball's hot spot with his incredible Triple Crown during the season of the Impossible Dream.

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Ag. Men's Slo-Pitch Softball.. Spalding Club Raps Valley Scrubbers In Homer-Happy Contest

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

How about this for a little production? Spalding's Mike Siciliano, Kevin Moore, and Brian Walker combined for 10 hits (six of them for extra bases and four of them homers), and they banged out 15 RBI (seven of them by Siciliano) as the Spalding Club rapped the Valley Scrubbers 22-11 in "A" Division Men's softball at Borgatti Field in Agawam Tuesday night.

It was as if Earl Weaver came to town in the first inning, as Siciliano and Moore both connected for three-run homers in a seven-run explosion that had the Scrubbers scraping back right at the outset of the game.

Marvin Simms (three hits—double, triple, HR) rapped a double off the rightfield fence in the bottom of the inning and that scored Bruce Earl, who had led with a single.

The Scrubbers might have had a big inning after Earl and Rich Barklow singled, but Mike Jiles' shot up the middle was turned into a nifty double play by the shortstop before Simms connected on his drive to right.

Spalding pounded the apple all night long and the second inning was no different. One run scored on errors by the third baseman and second baseman consecutively, and then Siciliano and Glen Guyer added RBI singles for a 10-1 lead.

That lead swelled to 12-1 in the third when Brian Walker tripled in one run and then scored on John Barghout's single.

The Scrubbers seemed to want to make a game of it in the bottom of the third when they scored five times to come within 12-6. The big blows in that inning were a two-run triple by Simms and a long homer to center by Vinnie Savage.

The Scrubbers got a snappy, inning-ending double play in the top of the fourth to give Spalding their first goose egg, and they came to the plate looking for some more runs.

They got one when Tony Banks' infield hit to shortstop was thrown low to first and the resulting overthrow scored Verman Brown, who led with a single.

Suddenly, it was 12-7 and the ballgame was getting tighter.

Spalding Gets Four Runs In The Fifth

Spalding must have sensed that, too, as they pounded away for four more runs in the fifth to go up 16-7. Some suspect outfield defense cost the Scrubbers big time in the inning, as a long fly ball to right centerfield by Moore found some fence despite an outfielder being right in the immediate vicinity.

Later, a low liner by Brian Walker snuck through the gap in center for an inside-the-park homer and the rout was on again.

The Scrubbers would get within 16-10 as Simms keyed a three-run fifth with his third extra base hit of the game—a two-run homer over the fence in right. It was 16-10.

Spalding was turned away empty in the sixth, and the Scrubbers could not take advantage as they laid their second goose egg of the night in that same inning.

Then Siciliano flexed again with a booming three-run homer to right center in the seventh that fueled another big six-run burst and put the game out of reach.

The Scrubbers put up a cosmetic run in the seventh on an Earl single, but in the end they got lapped 22-11.

State Rep. Michael Walsh Again Slates Annual DARE Tournament

The fourth annual Representative Michael Walsh Golf Tournament to benefit Project D.A.R.E. is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, at Oak Ridge Golf Course, 850 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon. With a limit of 144 players, the event format will be scramble.

The entry fee is \$80 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch and refreshments on the course, prizes (for longest drive and nearest pin), and dinner after golf.

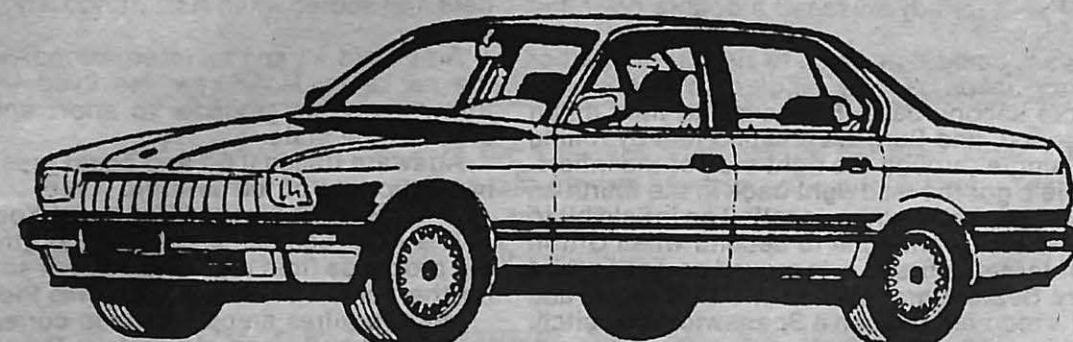
The entry deadline is August 5th, and space will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications must be accompanied by a check; please address all entries and checks to Project D.A.R.E., P.O. Box 160, Agawam, MA, 01001-0160.

To receive an entry form, contact any of the following members of the Tournament Committee: Wayne Macey, John Mercadante, Donald Rheault, Richard Niles, Richard Abdow, Victor Carra, Terry Letellier, or Gerald O'Keefe.

Or, send you check to the above P.O. Box with the following information: your name, address, telephone number, and the names of three other individuals who'll make up your preferred foursome.

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Tri-County Baseball Update...**Auto School Foiled By People's O'Neil**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Sometimes, the ball might have looked the size of a watermelon. Other times, perhaps, it might have appeared as big as a beachball. Surely, the hitters remembered the simple "See it, hit it" batting strategy.

But, People's Bank star pitcher Dan O'Neill, a former Minor League prospect, is a craftsman. And his constant changing of speeds continually fooled and foiled the Agawam Auto School last Friday Night in a battle of Tri-County League division leaders.

O'Neill spaced five hits in twirling People's to a 6-1 victory over Agawam.

Jeff Spanswick pitched a fine ballgame for the Auto School, too. He struck out seven over six and two-thirds. He allowed just two earned runs in the game.

Both pitchers pitched out of mini-jams in the early going. O'Neill allowed a walk to Brian Griffin and a single to Ray Burgess with one out in the first. He got out of it by retiring Bob Altobelli and John Henneberry to end it.

Spanswick gave up consecutive singles to Jim Hart and Billy Lamirande opening the second, but got two fielder's choice grounders and a strikeout to extricate himself.

In the third, People's grabbed the lead when Derek Izzo walked with one out and rode home when Mike Kennedy smashed a double down the leftfield line.

Agawam came right back to tie it in its half of the third. Jason Wooley singled to right-center and stole second base. He moved to third on an errant throw, and Burgess rescued him by rolling an RBI single through the right side of the infield.

People's got the lead right back in the fourth on an unearned run. Mike Levin rolled an infield hit to short and then continued to second when Griffin fired off target to first. Levin moved across to third on Gary Beard's grounder to the right side, and scored a moment later on a Spanswick wild pitch.

Wooley set himself up to score the tying run again when he pushed a perfect bunt up the right side with one out in the fifth. He swiped second again and went to third on Griffin's fly to medium rightfield. This time, Burgess couldn't get the hit as he rolled out to short.

People's Lead It 3-1 In The Sixth

In the sixth, People's got an insurance run to go on top 3-1. Levin (three singles) had a one-out single to left. One out later, Pete McAndrew drop-

ped a bopper into rightfield, sending Levin to third. Tom Sheehan followed with a bad hop single to short that caught Griffin high near his collarbone.

It appeared that Agawam might be on its way to solving O'Neill in the sixth. Altobelli got his pitch leading off, but he hit a sky-high popup to leftfield. Henneberry followed by making the loudest noise of the night.

It's doubtful that a fence in left could have held the ball, but the People's leftfielder moved well back toward the softball diamonds to easily handle the rising line drive about 400 feet away from home plate.

Frank Mochak followed with a bomb to centerfield that short-hopped the fence in center for an easy three-bagger, but Shawn Smith's squibber in front was handled easily by the catcher.

It appeared that darkness might stop the proceedings at that point, with low clouds spreading a complete cover over the diamond. But the alignment of those clouds moved late in the sixth and allowed the play to continue to the seventh inning. There was a remarkable difference in visibility.

Unfortunately for the Auto School, People's took full advantage. After Spanswick retired the first two batters, Kennedy maulled a triple to leftfield and scored when Hart ripped a double to left-center.

An infield hit and an international walk loaded the sacks for McAndrew. He lived when Griffin threw away his grounder to short and two runs crossed the plate.

Agawam trailed it 6-1 and could muster nothing in the bottom of the seventh.

Benefit Planned For Local Youth

The Auto School has decided to offer 100% of the proceeds from their final regular season game for the benefit of six year-old Mike Pietroniro.

Mike requires an operation to correct seizures that he experiences every day. The young man and his family have learned of an experimental surgery that is available for \$40,000, but the procedure is not covered by insurance benefits.

Mike will be on the Auto School bench and he will be throwing out the first ball before the 5:45 game against the Chicopee Falls Tigers on Friday, July 31st.

We urge you to come out and watch a great baseball game for a great cause.

Ag. Men's Slo-Pitch Softball.. Cortina Tile Blasts Toucan Jams, 11-3

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Cortina Tile got out of the gate early and went on to down Toucan Jams 11-3 in Agawam's men's Slo-Pitch softball Monday night at Borgatti Field in Agawam.

Seven Cortina players led the 18-hit parade with two safeties each in a game that saw the rarity of no doubles and no homers. There were two triples in the ballgame and at least one of those should have been caught.

Toucan's took the lead in the top of the first when John LaBranche singled in Mark O'Connor for a 1-0 early advantage.

Gordon Rossi singled home the tying run with one out in the first for Cortina, and Jim Keavaney and Steve Sutton followed with RBI singles for a 3-1 lead. A fielder's choice by Joe Sutton closed out the first with the Tilemen leading 4-1.

Each team added a run to their total in the second. Toucan's got a Bruce Hastings RBI hit, and Cortina's got their run when Brian Hutchens singled to left-center with a runner in scoring position.

Toucan's would not score again until the sixth and Cortina kept the pressure on. They put up a three-spot in the third when Joe Sutton rapped a two-run single and Al Liquori got a clutch, two-out single for another run and an 8-2 lead.

Neither team scratched in the fourth, and Cortina got right back after it with another pair in the fifth. In that rally, Keavaney hit a long foul fly to left that scored Rossi, who had tripled. Later in the inning, Tom Dennis stuck in an RBI hit for the 10-2 margin.

Toucan's scratched back with a run in the sixth when Vic Gotto singled home Jamie LaBranche, who had led the inning with a triple to right field. Cortina had an answer, as they scored another on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the inning.

Toucan's had something going with two singles in the seventh, but a double play ended the threat before the final out was recorded on a strange play.

A high popup into shallow left-field was volleyballed around by the shortstop, and was eventually caught by the leftfielder for the last out of the game.

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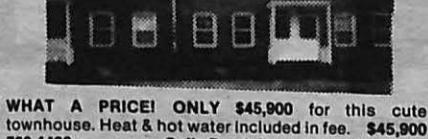
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Agawam High Baseball Banquet Held At Shaker Farms C.C.

The annual Agawam High School Baseball Team Banquet, sponsored by the Baseball Booster Club, was held June 9th at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

Each graduating senior received a plaque from the booster club. Coach Gerald Smith was given a plaque in appreciation for 25 years of service from the Varsity Captains. Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney presided as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Each player also received a baseball shirt from the Booster Club. Donations from the Peloquin family enabled the Booster Club to hold a raffle during the banquet (the proceeds from the raffle will be used for the benefit of the Booster Club).

In closing, the Baseball Board was introduced by President Dave Benoit:

Officers: President, Al Demestrie; Vice-President, Alan Wooley; Ways & Means, Marlene Peloquin; Publicity, Arlene Wooley and Donna Sales; Treasurer, Linda Batista; and Secretary, Marianne Campbell.

TJ's Women's Team Does A Triple Take

A triple play in slo-pitch softball—does it happen often? It's doubtful because circumstances have to be exactly right even to consider it.

Tuesday, July 14th, 1992, will be a day to remember for TJ's Sporthouse women's softball team ... for that was the day when they pulled off their first triple play.

Twin killings are commonplace for this team with their fine defense in the Agawam league. Through their four-year existence, they have executed countless double plays, but a three-way is something to be savored.

With the bases loaded and no outs, a fly ball was hit to leftfielder Jean Breton. She made a fine catch and, with the runners tagging, fired the ball toward home plate.

Pitcher Patty Gross properly cut off the throw and threw a bullet to Teresa (Raisin) Magni at first. She tagged the runner, who was caught in "no man's land" between first and second.

She then threw the ball to a waiting Diane Rhinehart at third. She tagged the oncoming runner for the coup de grace—the play going 7-1-3.

TJ's went on to win the game 13-7 over a very good Miracles team. They play excellent softball, although now they are on the short end of Agawam women's softball history.

A play to be remembered by members of both teams, and all those who witnessed it.



AMONG THOSE IN ATTENDANCE at the Agawam High School Baseball Team Banquet included: Back row - Tom Cordis, co-captain Steven Moccio, co-captain Rick Henry, and David Campbell. Front row - Greg Benoit, Jason Rowe, and Nathan Wood. (Missing from photo are David McKay and co-captain Bob Peloquin).

Ed Lockard Shows How It's Done!



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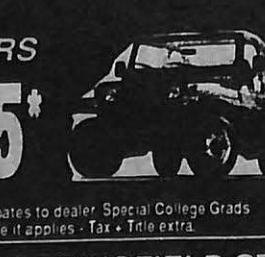
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Agawam Corner Deli Advances To State Baseball Tournament

Agawam Corner Deli finished first in their division, which automatically qualified them for a berth in the state tournament next week.

Agawam 14-16 Mickey Mantle ended their season last week by winning three out of their last five games and a 14-7 record.

Coach John Pellegrino would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the people and businesses who made each season possible for these boys to play summer baseball. Without their generosity and dedication to our boys in Agawam, we wouldn't have had this chance to experience good, competitive summer baseball.

A "special" thank you goes to Dave Cleavall of Belmont Oil, Bruce Jacobsen of Book Binders, Ron Chechile of Auto Craft, and Jack Nugent of Union Market, for many years of support.

Many thanks also to Wall's Sports, Hastie Fence, Capri Motel, Carpet Shed, Allen Lawn Mower, Salvatore's Restaurant, Mike Cappola, and Jerry and Mike Sabilia.

I would also like to take this time to say thank you to all my assistant coaches who gave of themselves many hours to help these boys improve game by game.

A "big" thank you to Jack Kunasek and the Park and Rec crew (especially "Mike") for a job well done!

Thank you, *Agawam Advertiser News*, for publishing our articles. You are truly a town newspaper.

Six Agawam Teams In Easter Seals Softball

The bases are loaded for Saturdays, August 8th and 15th, and Sunday, August 16th, for Easter Seal Softball Games!

Six Agawam teams will play softball in the Easter Seal Softball Games at Mittineague Park in West Springfield, Blunt Park in Springfield, and Mapleshade School in East Longmeadow. They join thousands of softball players throughout Massachusetts that are playing in the 15th annual games this summer, sponsored by Marshalls and WWLP-TV22.

Local teams already on the Easter Seal roster from Agawam include: Sarat Ford Sales, Louie's Cafe, Friendly's Restaurant, Fitness First, Bio-Care, and Standard Uniform Services.

Proceeds from the Easter Seal Softball Games support swim programs, summer camp, equipment loan, stroke, support groups, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, technology for independence, and home health care for disabled children and adults.

There's still time to sign up, according to Easter Seal representative Judy Casey. For information, call the West Springfield Easter Seal Office, 734-6434.

Women's Slo-Pitch Plan Fall League

A meeting will be held on August 30th, starting at 3:00 p.m., for those interested in a women's slo-pitch softball league for the fall.

It will take place at TJ Sporthouse, across from Riverside Park. If you're interested in attending this meeting, call Winston Lee in advance at 781-8186.

MEMBERS OF CORNER DELI, who have advanced to the Mickey Mantle 14-16 Baseball Tournament. Back row, from left - Coach J. Pellegrino, Mike Mercado, Brian Colby, Tavie Johnson, Marc Sales, Dan McCarley, Marc Anderson, Dan Barcomb, and Brian Pellegrino. Front row - Brian Klinakis, Jeff Campbell, Chris Demastri, Carmine Battista, Dan Moriarity, Nathan Wooley, and Jason Votzakis. Missing - Coach Dom DiLizia. *Advertiser News* photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Corner Deli Holds 12-5 Record

Agawam Corner Deli remains in first place in the 14-16 Mickey Mantle division, despite last week's slump of losing four straight games. This week, however, the boys bounced back by winning two out of three games.

In their first win of the week, Agawam came back with a vengeance, pounding Hadley 15-2. Corner Deli splattered 13 hits over the Hadley cornfields.

Multiple hitters in this game were Brian Klinakis (three hits), Jason Votzakis (three hits), Dan Barcomb (two hits), and Jeff Campbell (two hits). Contributing one apiece were Marc Sales, Nate Wooley, and Eric Mastrianni.

Dan Barcomb pitched a brilliant four innings, striking out 12 batters and stranding five. Carmine Battista came in and preserved the win, allowing only one Hadley runner to reach base in the final two innings.

Agawam suffered their fifth loss of the season against a powerful St. Catherine's team, 8-2. Corner Deli could only muster three hits against St. Catherine's pitcher, Ted Woltowicz.

Brian Klinakis stroked a double, while Dan Barcomb and Jeff Campbell ripped a single. Nate

Wooley, Agawam's pitcher, had to leave the game with a shoulder injury.

The Agawam coaches are concerned and hope Nate's injury is minor and he will return to the lineup soon. They are still waiting for the return of their other ace pitcher, Brian Colby, and are optimistic their pitching staff will be ready for the playoffs.

Corner Deli pulled off a squeaker against Southwick, 5-3, at Shea Field. Agawam only managed six hits, but they came at the right times in order to plate their five runs.

Nate Wooley led the way with two hits, including a two-run homer. Jeff Campbell smashed a triple, while Mike Mercado and Brian Pellegrino both slashed a double, and Mark Anderson pounded out a single to account for the hits.

Jason Votzakis provided the defense excitement with a sparkling sliding catch in right field. Catcher Brian Pellegrino also gunned down two Southwick runners to squelch any Southwick comeback.

The pitching was handled again by the dynamic duo of Dan Barkman and Carmine Battista.

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TAKING TIME OUT for a quick photo are members of the town's Summer Camp staff at Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Men's Slo-Pitch Softball... Scoreboard Again Drubs Bogeys In 17-5 Laugher

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Earlier in the season, Scoreboard Lounge was drubbing Bogeys' 10-0 when the rains came and forced the game to be rescheduled. That game was played Monday night at Borgatti Field in Agawam.

Scoreboard did the same dance, as they erupted for 11 runs in the final three innings and pulled away for a 17-5 victory.

As the regular season winds down and many non-playoff teams are having difficulty fielding an entire unit, Scoreboard lent player Bruce Flynn to the eight-man Bogeys' squad and the ballgame began.

Scoreboard jumped fast in the top of the first. Jim Doyle reached on a dropped ball at first on his routine groundout, and Jim Nash quickly rapped an RBI single to right.

The ball was kicked around and then an overthrow occurred, and Nash scored on the play for a quick 2-0 lead. Later, Wayne Murphy would reach on a dropped flyball and score when Larry Barker's groundball was thrown away.

Bogeys' got singles by Mark Lyne (three hits), Tim Santonello, and Mark Provost to get themselves a run in the bottom of the inning and slice the lead to 3-1.

Bogeys' nine-man team shut down Scoreboard in the second, but they could not capitalize when they got back to the bat rack. It stayed 3-1 heading for the third inning.

Scoreboard put up three more in that inning as a one-out error led to Murphy's chalk-walking RBI double on the leftfield line and Tom Nash's RBI single to right. Nash hustled to third when the ball was kicked around in right, and he scored on a Barker single.



LIFEGUARD MICHELLE WHEELER gives swim lessons to summer campers at Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bogeys' had quite a dry spell at the plate and didn't score again until the bottom of the seventh. Meanwhile, after a 1-2-3 fourth, Scoreboard took advantage of the three-man outfield from the fifth inning on.

In the fifth, Rich Bienia crashed an RBI triple to the fence in dead centerfield and rode home on a ground out to make the score 8-1.

In the sixth, a four-run rally was fueled by Dave Parisau's RBI single to center after a hustle double by Mike Fiala. Another run scored on a second baseman's error, which in turn set up an RBI hit by Jim Doyle. Bienia capped the inning with a

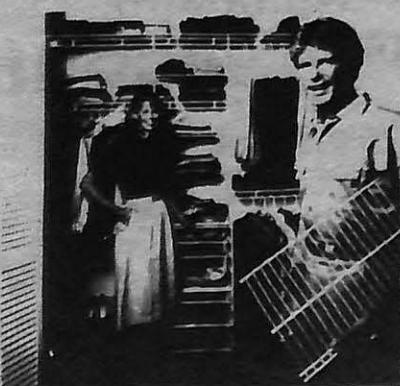
sacrifice fly to left.

They busted it wide open in the seventh with five more runs, which took the score to 17-1. The highlights were few in the seventh as all five runs were unearned, thanks to four Bogeys' errors and a pop fly that fell between four fielders in shallow center that went for an RBI hit.

Bogeys' had some fun in the seventh when they erupted for four straight RBI singles following a leadoff walk and an error. Lyne, John Bretton, Santonello, and Provost got the RBI safeties.

The next three hitters went quietly, and that was the ballgame.

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Bob Johnson On Sports...

Despite Its Problems, Baseball Remains As America's Game!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

About once a summer, I write an article about how much I enjoy the Red Sox. This particular season, that has become increasingly more difficult to do.

The team is staggering and gasping for breath half the time and with each passing week the distance between the Hose and the flyaway Blue Jays gets further and further.

Last Tuesday morning, I was talking with Jimmy over at Luigi's Pizza 'n' Pasta. I looked down at the newspaper and realized that the Sox were 13 games out of first! Thirteen games out of first on the 10th of July is not good for the old cardiac system with all this heat about to rain down upon us.

There was no joy in Mudville on that afternoon. And I began to think about the last time that the Red Sox were that far behind at any time during the season.

Amid all the jokes about the hapless stumblebums that so many of us enjoy each Spring, Summer and Fall, we really have had ourselves quite a run of success in the past 15 or 20 years.

We've won some division titles, some pennants, and we've watched many a big ballgame along the way. We've won some; we've lost some; we've watched many.

Probably, the last time the Red Sox were this bad a ballclub was back when I was a little kid in the mid-60's. But, do you know what? They were the magic of my youth ... maybe that's why I grew up to be such a happy guy.

I was four when I was initiated into the Red Sox scene. A little buzzheaded kid from Rutland, Vermont. The Sox were last or next to last every season and yet, I never missed a pitch. I never cared whether they won or lost. I just wanted Yaz to get a hit, or Chuck Schilling, or Frank Malzone, or Don Demeter, or Russ Nixon, or Eddie Kasko. It just sounded so good when Curt Gowdy called those hits, homers, errors, boobooos, and blunders. These big men were playing the same game that I was learning in the street.

In November, my son will turn four. Things are still magic for him. Santa Claus will come at Christmastime; the Easter Bunny will come by one Sunday in the Spring. There will be toothfaires, imaginary friends, boogiemens, and all the rest ... and the Red Sox will be able to do no wrong.

Now, people worry so much that the egos and the salaries are ruining the game of baseball. There are some traces of truth in those statements. But, the game can always go on as our national pastime if it's the people's choice.

Little four and five year-old boys and girls are impressionable. My kid thinks I'm a millionaire, the world's strongestman, the best swimmer,

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the best writer, and the best daddy in the whole world. What I tell him is Gospel—everything. That's why people say that the best education occurs in the home. If they learn it when they are little, it tends to stay in their system when issues start arising.

So, my little soon-to-be four year-old loves baseball and I think he'll always love baseball because I present it to him in bitesize chunks that he can handle. I never gripe and groan about salaries, or errors, or even mental mistakes. After all, he already knows that everybody makes mistakes. Even Daddy.

I'll be off the soapbox in just a minute. I know that some of the things that have happened in baseball in the last decade or so are distasteful. We slave away every day for what seems like a smaller and smaller slice of the pie and we watch these guys asking for salaries of six and seven million per year.

But, by this time of the season, the salaries don't find themselves in the news as much. It's pennant races and All-Star games and real live baseball.

Try to remember that little kids are little sponges and they are going to retain a large portion of what you put into them.

Let's keep the world's best game going strong by letting our kids enjoy the game at any level that feels comfortable to them. It has lasted for generations and generations and they'll see to it that the game keeps on going.

As the Red Sox of the early 60's so eloquently told us— "You can even fall in love with a loser." And because of the low level of my early expectations, 1967 was—and always will be—the greatest single thrill of my life.

Remember that when you are griping and swearing and babbling about "those good for nothing bums" (or whatever language you tend to use), little ears might be listening. And when they are listening, they are forming opinions.

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Ag. Men's Slo-Pitch Softball EB's Chicken Outlasts Toucan Jams, 15-14

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A three-man outfield just doesn't cut it in softball, and Toucan Jams found that out the hard way last Thursday night. And they dropped a 15-14 ballgame to the opportunistic team from EB's in Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch.

Only able to muster a nine-man squad, Toucan's put up a heckuva fight in the ballgame, only to lose in the final inning as EB's found the big gaps again for the winning rally.

Toucan's took the early lead on a Bruce Hastings RBI single in the top of the first, but fell behind 4-1 in the home half of the inning. It was a little two-out magic that got EB's on the scoreboard.

With one out and a runner aboard, Ed Urban laced an apparent single to right. But the sinking liner fooled the runner on first, and Toucan's was able to pull off the force at second.

EB's kept on coming. Matt Fenton singled to left and Mike Ryan laced an RBI single to left to tie the game.

Butch Wagner lined a run-scoring double along the rightfield line. Jeff Wojick followed with a two-run, two-bagger to right centerfield for the 4-1 advantage.

Toucan's, fighting uphill all night, came right back to tie in the top of the second with a three-run rally. Jeff LaBranche ripped a two-run, bases-loaded single to right. And John LaBranche knocked a sac fly to left-center to tie it.

EB's kept on hitting in their second inning. Two-out hits by Frank Chiaro and Jon Fisher were rewarded when Pete Costanza (5 RBI in the game) rapped a two-run triple to rightfield for a 6-4 lead.

Toucan's didn't score in the third, and EB's opened up an 8-4 advantage with two more in their third trip to the bat rack. This time it was an RBI triple by Jeff Wojick (four hits; 3 RBI) and a run-scoring hit by Don Morin.

Toucan closed the gap to 8-7 with three in the fourth on a two-run single by Hastings and a sacrifice fly.

EB's Mighty Struggle To Stay Ahead

EB's struggled mightily to stay on top, and they posted their third straight inning with two runs in the fourth. Jon Fisher (four hits) plated the first run with a single, and Costanza drove in another teammate with a fielder's choice.

Surprise, surprise. Both teams went scoreless in the fifth. Despite an inning that saw just one lonely infield single between the two teams, they made up for it by combining for 12 runs in the final two innings.

Toucan's scored two runs in the sixth on an RBI single and a sacrifice fly to pull within one run again at 10-9. EB's extended the lead again with three in the sixth to go ahead 13-9.

Costanza got a two-run single to right-center, and Urban blasted an RBI triple to the gap in right-center himself. It was 13-9.

Toucan's sent 10 men to the plate in the seventh and took their first lead since the first inning by scoring five big runs.

Jeff and John LaBranche knocked in the first two runs with a fielder's choice and a base hit, respectively, and Hastings (4 RBI) was in the middle of it again, too, as he added a run-scoring hit.

It would be John Kiah who would drive home the go-ahead run with his first hit of the ballgame, and Toucan's had a well-deserved, 14-13 lead.

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Sports A La Carte...

Getting Pumped Up About Football

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Am I the only one starting to really get pumped up about the football season? We haven't gone through a Red Sox season like this one in a long, long time.

PAUL QUANTRILL might be a flash in the pan, but at least he put a little charge into my Monday night. That boy was throwing hard. Might have just been the adrenalin, though.

We have to remember how excited we got about KEVIN MORTON and his left-handed painting the corners act that had us jumping for about two-and-a-half weeks last year...

I sure didn't think the Celts were going to have any trouble signing MR. BARRY out of Georgia Tech, but from what I've been reading lately, his name isn't even close to a dotted line...

RIDDICK BOWE did show some power last Friday night, but now I've shifted my guess to EVANDER HOLYFIELD in the upcoming heavyweight battle. Bowe came in too heavy again this time, and you know Evander will show up in his routinely wonderful shape.

Holyfield is a pro and he knows what's on the line. He gets hit a lot, but he stands right in there and battles. I think he'll win again AND I'll be rooting for him.

And, if you think about it, we New Englanders haven't rooted for very many reigning heavyweight champions for a long time...

Fantasy League Groan: After many weeks in second place, my BACK BAY BASHERS have slipped into third place. My home run and RBI production is minuscule, and TOM HENKE, DUANE WARD, and GREG HARRIS are giving me nothing out of my bullpen in the way of saves.

I'm destined for mediocrity in 1992, but I will have learned a lot by the time 1993 rolls around. One piece of good news is that I finally got BOB ZUPCIC activated. He was on my reserve list for the last two stat periods, and I simply missed out on his two grand slams and .355 batting average during that span...

It was heartwarming to see that NICK FALDO is human. The normally robotic golfer showed some heavy duty emotion after holding on to win the British Open. He is usually one cool cat...

After winning two matches on Friday night and a quarterfinal match on Saturday, RIC SARDELLA (the publisher of this publication) got ousted in a

tough three-setter on Sunday in the Semi-Finals of the Springfield Tennis Club Clay Court Championships at Forest Park...

Is this the year that I'm going to witness the excitement and pageantry that is Saratoga? I hope so. There are several area bus companies that will take me down there for about \$25 round trip.

My neighbor goes every year and I keep threatening to get over there. I guess it is quite a sight...

When BEN MACDONALD and MIKE MUSSINA pitched back-to-back whitewashes for the Birds of Baltimore last week, it was the first time since 1986 that the normally pitching-rich Orioles had done that.

I wonder what Messrs. MCNALLY, CUELLAR, PALMER, PHOEBUS, MARTINEZ, et al think about that...

Heck, I'm talking about going to Saratoga and the folks at Worldtek Travel have groups going to Barcelona to see the Boxing, and the Track, and the Dream Team. That's some sayonara.

The ad says that they have a prestigious group of sports enthusiasts going on that venture. Hmm, I wonder if MIGUEL MARTINEZ (a.k.a. MIKE MARTIN) might be one of those prestigious people...

Do you know who ROMAN HAMRLIK is? Two points and a Tampa Bay Lightning puck if you knew that Hamrluk was the number-one overall draft pick in the NHL...

Did you know that the Whalers drafted guys named SYLVAIN number-one in consecutive years? They sure did.

It was SYLVAIN TURGEON in 1983 and SYLVAIN COTE in 1984. There probably isn't more than one guy in town that knew that. And, yes, somebody gave me a copy of the *Hockey News*, so I thought I'd drop in a line or two about my favorite sport (choke gulp gurgle)...

So there was YOGI BERRA strutting into the hotel lobby one steamy July afternoon when a young lady in a miniskirt and skimpy blouse approached the dapper Berra, who was dressed in a white leisure suit.

"Why, Yogi, you look so cool in that outfit." Berra's response? What else, but "Thank you, ma'am, and I might add that you don't look so hot yourself..."

Local Heart Association Benefits From Annual Golf Tourney At Hampden CC

What could motivate four reasonably sane adults to give up an entire day to the pursuits of golf? The thrill of the game?

"That's all part of it, of course," says Marty Jacque of Springfield. Marty is part of the foursome who will be playing at the Hampden Country Club on Thursday, July 23rd. "But the most important reason," he says, "is to raise funds to fight heart disease." The fearsome foursome is hoping to raise \$5,000 for the American Heart Association's research and local public education programs in Massachusetts.

The foursome will begin play at sunrise and won't stop swinging until the sun goes down, according to event coordinator Tom Coppola. Tom organized the event through the league he administers over at Mass Mutual in Springfield. The golfers are presently collecting pledges for every hole played (72-100) and become eligible for a

range of prizes which include Golfer's Getaways to Bermuda and Myrtle Beach.

The American Heart Association is dedicated to reducing disability and death from cardiovascular disease and stroke, which takes the lives of almost 1 million Americans each year. "The Hampden Country Club is proud to be participating in this very worthwhile event," said Ron Rogowski, manager at Hampden. The club has generously donated carts and the use of its course for this event.

Members of the foursome who will be playing include Ed Youmell of Easthampton, Alan Lowell of Agawam, Lou Tabone of Holyoke, and Marty Jacque of Springfield.

For further information on sponsoring the foursome, contact Todd Lever, Field Representative for the American Heart Association at 532-0400.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE 13-15 All Stars. Back row, from left - Coach Phil Kimball, Mike Perry, Bryan Menard, Neil White, Coach Mike Perry, Tony Aus-sant, John Hogan, Adam Kimball, and Myles Senflug (manager). Front row - Jason DeForge, Jeff Cressotti, Derek Vrijenhoek, Justin Buiso, Mike Senflug, Brian Boyer, and Mike Grassetti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jerry Marquis Continues To Roll Along In Riverside Park Modified Division

For 26 laps on Saturday, July 18th, Riverside's standing-room-only crowd of NASCAR Winston race fans stood in their seats as Rick Summers led from the start and **Jerry Marquis** came from 16th to work his way to the front in the John Haymond Law Offices 50-lap Modified feature.

That was only one of many battles as Rick Fuller, Reggie Ruggiero, and Larry Moore diced it up lap after lap. There were only two cautions in the event, both for minor spins. Still, at the checker, it was Marquis for win number seven.

Glued to his bumper was Rick Fuller (Polar Soda), Reggie Ruggiero (Haymond Law), Rick Summers (Havoline Oil), and Larry Moore (West Hartford Tool & Die).

Sixth through 10th was Satch Worley (Mystic Missile), Dan Avery (Porter Chester), Ed Kennedy (Roberts Mercedes), Chris Kopac (Gary's Auto Sales), and Bruce D'Alessandro (E.C.I. Electric).

"This was another victory for Bob and his deserving crew. The Modified Tour program is going to attract the best this Wednesday (July 22nd) for the weekday Budweiser King of Beers 150 racing event at Riverside. We want that one real bad," said Marquis.

It was also another first for the Pro Stock division this year, as **Mike Duquette** put the mighty Mopar out front as he led from green to checker.

The 30-lap event had only two cautions as Dave

Carusso came from the back to finish second over Eddy Carroll (Riverside Motorsports), Blaine Belz (Romano Service), and Tom Carey, Jr. (McKenney's Mobil).

Sixth through 10th was Dave Sazarulo, followed by Tom Fearn, Don Giguere, Tony Papale, and Dave Berube.

Gary Pelletier, who has had no luck at all lately in the Late Model feature event of 25 laps, finally reached the winner's circle in this division last Saturday.

Fred LaForge, with a borrowed race car, ran in the top five throughout the event to finish second over Jay Stewart, who came from the back to finish third by a bumper over Barry Grey (who was just as impressive).

Fifth through 10th were John Johnson, Rocky Mazziotto, Al Bisson, Rich Vasseur, Doug D'Allesandro, and Marty Leary.

The Strictly Stock feature also had another new winner as **Rob Valerio** dominated the action in this feature. Ed Haluch finished second over Rich Durkee, Sal Calvo, and Ernie Lagacy.

Sixth through 10th were Bob McMullin, Jeff Horn, Jeff Conners, Mike Salmon, and Joe Cranecki.

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— By Bill Chiba —



Try Fishin' In The Summer

If you are looking for something to do during these Dog Days, you might try fishing for relaxation and fun.

Connecticut's DEP field personnel report good trout fishing on the Farmington River, and fair results at Beach Pond, Cedar Lake, Hammonasset River, Long Pond, Pachaug Pond, Salmon River, Scantic River and Waregan Reservoir.

For you bass fisherman, largemouth bass fishing is good at Billings Lake, Dooley Pond, Lake Saltonstall and Mashapaug Lake. Fishing for smallmouth bass is good at Bashan Lake, Gardner Lake, Wyassup Lake and the Housatonic River (Stanley Tract Area).

Pickerel fishing is good at Amos Lake. Pike fishing is good at Bantam Lake and in the Connecticut River and its coves.

Kokanee fishing is good at West Hill Pond. Fishing for panfish is good at North Farms Reservoir.

Marine Fishing

The average water temperature in Long Island Sound is in the upper 60's.

There is excellent blue fishing in Long Island Sound. The Race has been providing anglers with consistent action.

Plenty of fluke (summer flounder) at the lower Connecticut River, Housatonic River, Mystic River and New Haven Harbor (east breakwater).

Porgie (scup) fishing is excellent throughout the Sound. Schools of porgie can be found over structures and rocky reefs.

Striped bass fishing is good at the Race, Hattett Reef, Connecticut River, Duck Island, Branford Reef, Housatonic River, Norwalk Islands and Stamford Harbor. Black fish has slowed down throughout the Sound.

The water temperatures offshore have warmed up to 70 degrees. Most of the blue sharks have migrated north; however, they can still be caught along with an occasional brown and mako shark. Yellowfin tuna are being reported at the 100 fathom line.

We have record shad returns for the second straight year on the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers. The Atlantic salmon counts are the best in

11 years at Holyoke.

At last count, American shad lifted at the Holyoke, Massachusetts dam (the first major barrier to spawning migratory fish in the river at Mile 86) have surpassed 720,000—an increase of about 35% over the record 1991 return.

Shad trapped in the Merrimack at Lawrence, MA, have topped 20,600—an increase of about 10% over the 1988 record.

The future looks bright with the return of 478 salmon in the Connecticut River. This amount is the most lifted through the dam since the record of 529 in 1981. Salmon coming through the Merrimack at Lawrence have reached 187.

Most salmon returning this year left the river as smolts in 1990 and spent two years feeding in the ocean waters between Canada and Greenland.

Smolts leaving in 1990 included 475,900 one year-old salmon reared in federal and state hatcheries in the basin, as well as the survivors of 1.3 million fry released in tributary streams in 1988.

Both the 1988 fry release and the 1990 smolt release were record numbers for the program at that time.

New Hampshire has set its bear and deer seasons early this year. Many sportsmen plan their vacation early, and the powers-to-be want the vacation time to coincide with the open season for hunting.

Bear season will be allowed in the three northern counties—Coos, Carroll and Grafton.

The season will be split as follows: September 1st through October 31st, and November 16th through December 6th. In addition, bear may be hunted in certain towns of Merrimack County from September 1st through 30th.

New Hampshire has a three-month deer season. Archery starts September 12th through December 13th.

Muzzleloader begins October 31st and runs through November. Regular gun season opens November 11th and closes December 6th.

The Springfield Sportsmen's Club will host a special meeting at the skeet field house on Sunday, August 23rd, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will mainly concern the revision of the club's bylaws.

The club will host a 3-D archery shoot August 2nd. Registration will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

The fish pond was just recently stocked. Also, the club is again involved in a pheasant stocking program. For additional information on how to get involved in services, call John Wieland at (413) 533-2788.

There is one pistol competition per month, and it is scheduled through November (with the exception of May). The remaining dates are August 23rd, September 27th, October 25th, and November 22nd. The matches are bowling pin shoots in the Second Chance Layout.

AAU Boys' Hoop Sweep 'Hamp Tourney

This past weekend, the 14 and under Western Mass. AAU boys' basketball team swept the New Hampshire Tournament in Manchester, New Hampshire, defeating all their opponents. The tournament fielded teams from Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

In the first game, the team broke away at the end to post a 68-49 victory over the New Hampshire Hustlers. Four players scored in double figures, with Kevin Sanders of Longmeadow leading all scorers with 20 points.

In the second game against a team from Orono, Maine, Western Mass. broke away early in the second half to take a 23-point lead and never let up for the rest of the game.

Larry Gilbert of Holyoke had a game-high 19 points, with Sanders contributing 18 points and Nino Vanin of Amherst scoring 15 points. Chris Bitzas of Agawam was three for three from behind the three-point line.

In a blow out, Western Mass. then soundly defeated the New Hampshire Graniteers B Team by a score of 80-45. Nino Vanin led all scorers with 23 points, and Larry Gilbert chipped in 16.

In the Championship game on Sunday, Western Mass. pulled off a great comeback by outscoring the New Hampshire Graniteers A Team 20-2 in the last two minutes.

Larry Gilbert had a huge game and scored a tournament-high 41 points in the 76-65 triumph. Eddie Davis of Holyoke and Vanin had 10 points apiece.

Western Mass. is now off to Yakima, Washington, on Saturday for the National AAU Tournament.

Brian David C.P.A. Wins Sacred Heart

In the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's (S.H.A.A.) Girls' 13-16 Division, first place was won by Brian David C.P.A., which was coached by Al O'Quinn.

The Division Champs were the team members of Lloyd Construction, which was coached by Carl Ronca.

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Scoreboard 1	12	15
Bogey's	9	17
Toucan Jam	8	16
Boston Billiards	4	19

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Elbow Sharks	15	8
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Village Lounge	9	11
Wizard Auto Body	9	14
Agawam Moose Club	7	17
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Balise-Honda	11	11
Buccaneer Lounge	10	12
Harvey's Depot	9	14
Teddy Bear Pools	9	13
Agawam Auto/Tires	8	16
Desi's Place	7	14
Bogey's	7	15
Pumped Gym	4	17

Easter Seal Softball Tournament Seeking Local Teams To Play

It's time to register for the Easter Seal Softball Games, to be held in West Springfield on August 8th.

Games are open to any team ready to play softball for the benefit of local people with disabilities.

Marshalls and WWLP-TV 22 sponsor the games. Each team receives a trophy and a chance to win prizes ranging from T-shirts to Red Sox tickets.

Proceeds from Easter Seal Softball help bring Easter Seal services to disabled children and adults throughout Massachusetts. Services include swim programs, summer camp, equipment loan, stroke support groups, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, home health care, technology for independence and information and referral service.

Any business or group can register a team by calling the Easter Seal Softball Hotline at 1-800-922-8290, or 734-6434 for information.

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Red Cross certified swim lessons will be taught in two sessions, with the FIRST SESSION starting July 8th through July 24th, weekdays, and the SECOND SESSION starting July 29th through August 14th.

All lessons start at 10:00 a.m. and there is NO CHARGE for lessons, but \$1 for Red Cross certification. Minimum age for lessons is seven years old. Classes will be offered from beginner to advanced swimmer.

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The course length is three hours for each of the nights and will be given at the club's indoor range at 230 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. It begins at 6:00 p.m. on both evenings.

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As the pace of the summer quickens, so should your intake of water. When doing physical activities during hot and humid weather, the body might not be able to cool itself down properly without a little help from its owner, explains Gaull.

"Don't wait until you're thirsty before taking a glass of water. Keep a constant flow of fluids in you," advises Gaull.

"For exercisers, water weight is only a temporary loss. By wearing rubberized clothing, the weight reduction from sweating lasts only until you take a drink. The only way to lose fat is by burning it up with activity," says Gaull.

If you start a physical activity without enough water in your body, or if you start sweating during an activity and do not replace the water, dehydration will occur.

Dehydration is the body's lack of water. "A person can no longer sweat and reduce the heat that builds up, and this can be dangerous," Gaull says.

The first symptoms of dehydration are thirst, chills, clammy skin, throbbing heartbeat, and nausea. Some helpful tips to avoid problems during activity in hot, humid environments include:

- Drinking plenty of water before, during, and after activity.
- Wearing the lightest clothing you can to allow your sweat to evaporate.
- And, if possible, performing activities at the coolest times of the day, usually early morning or late evening.

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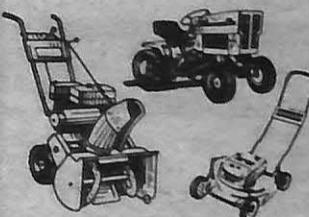
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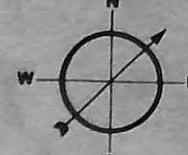
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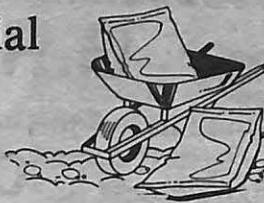
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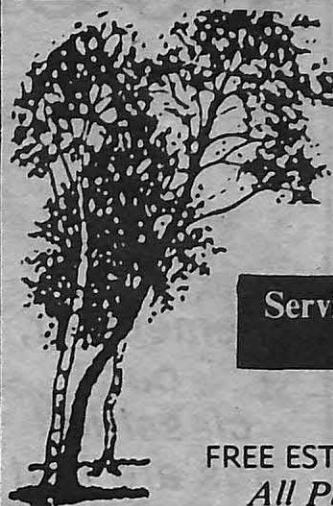
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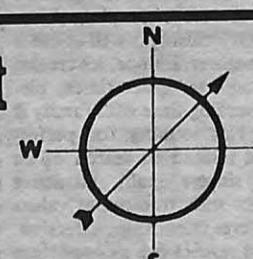
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Code 35950 Pretty (long blonde hair/green eyes), bright, witty, classy, trim, fun, emotionally and financially secure, professional DWF. Comfortable in denim or silk and enjoys golf, movies, theater, creative writing, getaways, etc. Seeking D/SWM, 33-43, active,

attractive, non-smoker, light to non-smoker with sense of humor and penchant for living. Must like 10 year old boys!

Code 35631 DWF, 36, active, attractive with small town values and Ivy league education. Loves adventure, exercise, fast cars, pickup trucks, horses, backroads, old houses, dancing, dining, laughing, etc. Seeking D/SWM, 33-43, active,

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Code 35635 DWF - working girl, attractive, 5'7", weight proportionate, very affectionate, blondish brown hair, brown eyes, who enjoys dancing, dining out, sports, snuggling, hugging, touching, cozy evenings. Looking for tall, attractive man, 45-55 with similar likes. Answer this ad and see what happens!

Code 35634 Is there a man out there who could appreciate an attractive, full figured woman, late 40's, dark hair, 5'3", Italian descent who has lots of love to give? I love movies, slow dancing and romantic evenings. I don't smoke or drink but can accept moderation in others.

Code 35628 WWF, young looking 63 yrs, 5'4", seeks to find a W/DWM approximately the same age.

I prefer non-smoker, one who is interested in the same things I am, dining, dancing, TV, travel, reading, movies. I am Catholic but don't have any preference as to religion. Also I like quiet times at home and good conversation, I also am considered a good cook. If you fill the above qualifications please send a letter and photo.

Code 35646 Is something missing although you lead a full life? Striking SWF 28, blonde with brown eyes, 5'5", medium build, non-smoker, social drinker. Seeking someone to share excursions to museums, theater, cultural events, casual games of tennis, skiing, beach outings, community volunteering. Enjoys fine dining, yet appreciates simple picnics near scenic views. Are you sincere, honest, SWM, 25-38, 5'6"+, non-smoker who has integrity, knows what he wants out of life and a serious relationship, is set in career and choices in life. Not intimidated by a confident, focused woman. If sounds like missing piece, please write. Photo appreciated, will reciprocate.

Code 35644 SWF, 25, 5'8", attractive, full figured professional with strawberry blonde hair and blue eyes. Have an outgoing personality, great sense of humor. Enjoys golfing, movies, animals, bowling, ceramics, fishing and various sporting events. Looking for SWM late 20's to early 30's, 5'10" or taller, attractive, good personality with college degree and career. Non-smoker preferred. Looking for those who are sincere, honest, trusting and commitment minded. Photo appreciated. Will reciprocate.

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Code 35636 Wanted tall, beautiful man to make my days unbelievable and my nights unforgettable. Qualified applicants should love dancing, pampering the "boss", and hugging till dawn. Benefits include unbelievable days and unforgettable nights with me a DWF, 32, 5'7", blond hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, light drinker with a full time job opening for you. Only serious applicants need apply.

Code 35604 SWF, 27, blonde hair, greenish-brown eyes, 5'4", 120 lbs. Told I'm very attractive, with great personality. Non-smoker, social drinker. Loves golf, tennis, volleyball, movies, the beach, dining out and cooking in. Looking for an attractive, professional, S/DWM, 30-42, 5'10" or taller with similar interests who is looking for a great person to start a long-term relationship. All replies answered. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Take a chance - what do you have to lose?

Code 35530 SWF, 35, country girl with classy attitude. Loves animals, classical music, laughing and life. Seeks man with positive outlook, motivation and appreciation of fine things. No drugs, no masquerades, I want to know the real you. New to area, all replies answered.

Code 35940 DWF, 59 years young, 5'9" tall, 140 lbs., short greying auburn hair, brown eyes. I'm fairly quiet and reserved until I get to know someone. I love to dance, go to good movies, dine out occasionally, roller skate (although it's been a while). I'm a sometime smoker and occasional drinker. Lonely.

Code 35755 DWF, 5'7", green eyes, blonde, outgoing, sincere, good-natured, adventurous, professional, homemaker, with grown children would like to meet healthy, happy, down-to-earth, good guy. Looking for long-term relationship. Outdoors I like skiing, going places, and doing things. Indoors I like movies, rummy, conversation, and someone who is comfortable in the kitchen.

Code 35627 I am a pretty easy going person - tolerant of others, patient, I smoke but am presently trying to quit. It's been 1 week. I have 2 sons age 10 and 15. I own my own house. I am presently unemployed. Looking for male to share my life with, attractive, interesting, poised, dependable, sociable and trusting.

Code 35624 I'm a SWF 26, wishes to meet SWM between the ages of 26-34. I enjoy dancing, movies, dining out, hiking, camping. Looking for someone with good sense of humor and adventure. Remember nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Code 36011 Artist, inquisitive and affectionate, metamorphosized into a quilter; loves to dance, garden, build, read, create, explore (nature, music, museums, fine food, activities, qualities of mind). Excellent communicator, sense of humor, seeks similarly committed being with whom to share and grow.

Code 35670 DWF, 52, 5'3", full figured, very affectionate, non-smoker, non-drinker. In search of S/DWM, 50-60, tall gentleman, without small children who likes animals, dining out, is very warm, affectionate and romantic for long term relationship or possible marriage. I like music, country rides, crafts and cuddling with the right person.

Code 35979 Roses are red, my eyes are blue. I've been looking long & hard for a guy like "U." If you've been looking for a professional, romantic, creative SWF, 29, 5'8" with a fuller figure (but working very hard to change that), non-smoker, light social drinker, who's outgoing and down to earth and life.

Code 35926 SWF, 42, looking for a dancing man, 40-50. Dancing Partner. I'm 5'2", blue eyes, dark blonde hair and freckles. I love to dance. Be willing to take dance lessons, all kinds, should be pleasant company with a sense of humor. Maybe dancing partners will develop into something more.

enjoys just "being me" - HERE I AM! I'm a teddy bear lover & have various other hobbies and interests. Looking for open communication, trust & spontaneity and a solid friendship to lead into more. Bye, Bye for now...

Code 36023 Full figured, DWF, 34, auburn hair, 5'7", big brown eyes, attractive - smoker - social drinker. I'm single mom of 2 teens, social worker presently completing master's degree. I'm easygoing, fun-loving, honest & have a good sense of humor. I enjoy 50's-60's music mostly but can get into most others, love to dance, eating in/out, movies, long walks on the beach. If you are taller than me S/DWM, 30-40, who's honest, sincere, open to new ideas and share similar interests, let's talk.

Code 35590 SWF, 32, 5'6", 120 lbs., medium-long blonde hair, hazel eyes, and wear glasses, works nights. I'm quiet. I love animals: wild & tamed. I like music: favors hard rock. I like: movies, comedies, concerts, long walks and Cape Cod. I like to watch sports: baseball, football, auto racing, mud bogs & monster truck challenges. Looking first for friendship with SWM, then maybe lead to relationship. Please write.

Code 36022 DWF, early 40's, 5'2", 120 lbs., dark blonde hair. My interests are fishing, dancing, camping and quiet romantic evenings. I'm interested in a long and meaningful relationship. Must be caring and compassionate. If interested reply with a photo please. Light drinker and smoker.

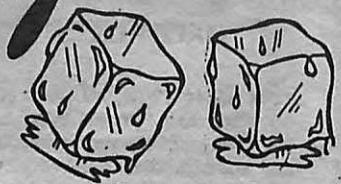
Code 35196 37, single, attractive, fun-loving, people person, wants great sense of humor (not goofy). Mature enough not to be afraid of commitment, but not in need of it. Aware of his feelings, not afraid to share them. Not afraid to give, happy to receive. If divorced, able to put it in its proper place—the past. Prefer single, someone with varied interests and fun. I am a non-smoker, social drinker, no children, medical professional who has wasted a lot of precious time with the wrong men. I have a lot to give, but this time to the right man. Photo, attractive, please.

Code 36020 I'm a single white 26 yr. old female. A non-smoker with no children. I'm looking for someone who enjoys going to see the New York Giants play football! Someone who is supportive and sensitive to my needs. A man who will help me, not embarrass me. Someone who is looking for a real woman, not Barbie!

Code 36013 Spring fever? This tall (5'9", 130 lbs.), attractive, blue-eyed blonde may be just what the doctor ordered! I'm 33 with varied interests including dancing, dining out, beaches, Tanglewood, picnics, theater and much more. I'm looking for a tall, attractive S/DWM, nonsmoking "cuddler," 30-45 to share love, laughter and life.

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